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## **To the members of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**

### **Synopsis**

#### **of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 23, 24 and 26 June 2025**

**The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**, meeting in Strasbourg on 23, 24 and 26 June 2025, in camera, with Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), First Vice-Chairperson, and then Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) in the Chair:

- **on Monday, 23 June 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
  - **Election of a third Vice-Chairperson of the Committee**: agreed to postpone the election to its next meeting;
  - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary** (*co-rapporteurs*: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE, and Mr Georges Papandreou, Greece, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it to the authorities of Hungary for comments, to be submitted by 7 August 2025 at the latest; agreed to request the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) for an opinion on the draft bill of Hungary on “The transparency of Public Life” and other legislation relating to “foreign influence”;
  - **Slovak Republic**: agreed to request the Venice Commission an urgent opinion on the draft constitutional amendments, as well as the recently adopted Law on Civil Society in the Slovak Republic.
- **on Tuesday, 24 June 2025 at 08:45**, as regards:
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (*co-rapporteurs*: Ms Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD, and Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it to the authorities of Bulgaria for comments, to be submitted by 7 August 2025 at the latest;
  - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands** (*co-rapporteurs*: Ms Stefanie Krisper, Austria, ALDE, and Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC): held an exchange of views with Ms Rian Vogels (ALDE), Chairperson of the delegation of the Netherlands; agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly for an exceptional extension of this reference for two years, until 19 March 2028;
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania** (*co-rapporteurs*: Mr Ionuţ-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD, and Ms Mónica Bartos, Hungary, ECPA): after hearing her declaration of absence of conflict of interest, appointed Ms Mónica Bartos (Hungary, ECPA) as co-rapporteur;
  - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova** (*co-rapporteurs*: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC, and Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Latvia, EPP/CD): considered an information note on the fact-finding visit by the co-rapporteurs to Chisinau (26-28 May 2025) and agreed to declassify it.

- **on Thursday, 26 June 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Spain (periodic monitoring report)** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD, and Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*): postponed until a next meeting the exchange of views on “The state of Spain’s implementation of the recommendations of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) concerning the prevention of corruption in parliament, judiciary, central governments and law enforcement agencies”;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC, and Lord David Blencathra, United Kingdom, ECPA*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on the fact-finding visit to Türkiye (9-13 June 2025), and held an exchange of views;
- **The Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Sibel Arslan, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Joseph O’Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteur, Ms Sibel Arslan, on the fact-finding visit to North Macedonia (23-25 April 2025), and held an exchange of views;
- **Call for candidates**: made a call for candidates for the following reports:
  - The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland, to replace Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD);
  - The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia, to replace Mr Axel Schäfer (Germany, SOC);
- **World Forum for Democracy on “Democracy at risk: how can we revive it?” (Strasbourg, 4-7 November 2025)**: took note of the concept note, and made a call for candidates to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the Forum;
- **European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 2 August 2025)**: took note of the information, and made a call for candidates to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the event;
- **Parliamentary Conference on Artificial Intelligence (London, United Kingdom, 15-16 December 2025)**: took note of the draft programme, and nominated Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Finland, SOC), Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden, ECPA), Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Mr Graziano Pizzimenti (Italy, ECPA) to sit on the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the Conference;
- **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised the co-rapporteurs for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Greece to conduct fact-finding visits to the countries under their respective responsibilities, subject to the availability of financial resources;
- **Other business**: agreed to invite Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, to an exchange of views on the state of Azerbaijan’s cooperation with Council of Europe bodies, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session of the Assembly;
- **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
  - Paris, 9 September 2025
  - Strasbourg, 29 September-3 October 2025 [during the Assembly part-session]
  - Paris, 9 December 2025

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