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To the members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Synopsis of the meeting held in Tirana on 4 and 5 July 2024

The Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, meeting in Tirana on the afternoon of 4 July and morning of 5 July 2024 with Mr Givi Mikanadze (Georgia, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Welcoming addresses from members of the Albanian authorities:** heard welcoming addresses by:
 - Ms Klotilda Bushka, Chair of the Committee on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights of the Albanian Parliament and member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, speaking on behalf of Ms Lindita Nikolla, Speaker of the Albanian Parliament,
 - Ms Holta Zaçaj, Chair of the Constitutional Court,
 - Mr Ulsi Manja, Minister of Justice,
 - Ms Blerina Gjylameti, Head of the Albanian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- **Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights by Albania:** held a public hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Etilda Gjonaj, member of the Albanian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, former Minister of Justice,
 - Ms Erida Skëndaj, Executive Director of the Albanian Helsinki Committee;
- **Reykjavik follow-up: strengthening the role of the Assembly's Committees in holding governments to account for the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights:** heard presentations by:
 - Lord Richard Keen (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights,
 - Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), member of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe,

Held an exchange of views;
- **Ensuring implementation of judgments which have been subject to infringement proceedings under Article 46(4) of the European Convention on Human Rights:** held a public hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Ilgar Mammadov, Chair of the Republican Alternative party (REAL), subject of Article 46 (4) infringement proceedings in *Ilgar Mammadov v. Azerbaijan* (online),
 - Professor Philip Leach, Professor of Human Rights Law, Middlesex University, and lawyer of Osman Kavala (online),

Held an exchange of views;

- **Reykjavik follow-up: towards a Network of the Parliamentary Assembly on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights:** heard a presentation by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), Rapporteur of the Assembly for the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, and held an exchange of views;
- **How to ensure the payment of just satisfaction in judgments of the European Court of Human Rights concerning the Russian Federation:** held a public hearing with the participation of:
 - Professor Veronika Fikfak, Professor of Human Rights and International Law at University College London and Co-Director of the Institute of Human Rights,
 - Mr Achilleas Demetriades, lawyer and Chair of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe's Permanent Delegation to the European Court of Human Rights,

Held an exchange of views;

- **Strengthening the monitoring process for the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights:** held a public hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Achilleas Demetriades, lawyer and Chair of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe's Permanent Delegation to the European Court of Human Rights (CCBE),
 - Mr Helge Seland, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary representing Norway at the Council of Europe and Chair of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H) (online),

Held an exchange of views;

- **Other business:** noted the report of its member, Mr Oleksii Goncharenko, that he had been convicted *in absentia* by a court of the Russian Federation and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment on charges of spreading misinformation about the Russian military; and his request that this case be addressed in future reports of the Assembly.
- **Next meetings:** agreed to meet in the part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly to be held in Strasbourg in January 2025.

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