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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 Paris on 11 September 2024

**The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**, meeting in Paris on 11 September 2024, in camera, with first Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica (Latvia, EPP/CD), Chairperson, and then Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE), Second Vice-Chairperson, and finally Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), former Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Adoption of the agenda and Committee proceedings:** following a vote, agreed to postpone the election of the third Vice-Chairperson to the next meeting and adopted the agenda as so revised; following a vote, and in line with previous practice, asked Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), in his capacity as former Chairperson, to chair the part of the meeting which could not be chaired either by the Chair or the Vice-Chairpersons;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD and...*): after hearing his declaration of absence of conflict of interest, appointed Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, (Romania, EPP/CD) as co-rapporteur and postponed the appointment of the second co-rapporteur to its next meeting;
- **Strengthening mechanisms for early warning and action in conflict prevention** (*Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): after hearing his declaration of absence of conflict of interest, appointed Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) as rapporteur for opinion;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, EC/DA and Mr Aleksandar Nikoloski, North Macedonia, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on recent developments in the country, with the participation of Mr Nikola Špirić (SNSD), first Deputy Speaker of the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ms Darijana Filipović (HDZ BiH), second Deputy Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, member of the delegation of Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the PACE, and Ms Sabina Ćudić (Trojka), member of the delegation of Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the PACE; considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution as amended;
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary** (*Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE and Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC*): held an exchange of views on the follow-up of the opinion of the European Commission for Democracy Through Law (Venice Commission) on Act LXXXVIII of 2023 on the Protection of National Sovereignty ([CDL-AD\(2024\)001](#)), with the participation of Mr Michael Frendo, member of the Venice Commission (online); agreed to request an opinion of the Venice Commission on Act XVII of 2024 on the Amendment of Laws related to Justice Matters (Omnibus Act);

- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE and Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): heard a statement by the co-rapporteur, Mr Claude Kern, and held an exchange of views;
- **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 by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to the Republic of Moldova (1-3 July 2024), held an exchange of views and agreed to declassify the information note;
- **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC and Ms Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs and held an exchange of views;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC and Ms Jill Mortimer, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): considered an information note by the co-rapporteur, Mr Stefan Schennach, on his fact-finding visit to Türkiye (11-14 June 2024), held an exchange of views and agreed to declassify the information note;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC/DA and Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC*): heard a statement by the co-rapporteur, Ms Lise Christoffersen, and held an exchange of views;
- **Follow-up to the joint hearing with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on Regulation foreign influence: best practices and European standards (27 June 2024): application to the countries under monitoring**: agreed to declassify the minutes of the joint hearing and requested Committee's Chairperson to write a letter to the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights suggesting the Committee to consider the possibility of preparing a report on definitions and criteria to guide foreign lobby and influence legislation;
- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Greece (periodic monitoring report)** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Laura Castel, Spain, UEL and ...*): postponed the appointment of a co-rapporteur until the next meeting;
- **World Forum for Democracy on "Democracy and Diversity – Can we transcend the divides?" (Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2024)**: 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;
- **Conference of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network (EPTA) on "Artificial Intelligence and Democracy" (Oslo, 21 October 2024)**: took note of the information and nominated Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE) 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 the Republic of Moldova and Türkiye to conduct a fact-finding visit to the countries under their respective responsibilities, subject to the availability of financial resources;
- **Other business**: heard a request by Ms Anne Stambach-Terrenoir (France, UEL) to hold an exchange of views on the procedure of election of the Speaker of the National Assembly in France at a next meeting;
- **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
  - Strasbourg, 30 September-4 October 2024 [during the Assembly part-session]
  - Tirana, 2-3 December 2024
  - Strasbourg, 27-31 January 2025 [during the Assembly part-session]

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