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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 24, 25, 26 and 27 June 2024**

**The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24, 25, 26 and 27 June 2024 partly in camera, with Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) and Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica (Latvia, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- **on Monday, 24 June 2024 at 14:00**, as regards:
  - **Exchange of views with the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe**: heard a statement by Mr Michael O’Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe and held an exchange of views;
  - **Challenges to democracy in Georgia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE and Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): confirmed the appointment of Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) and Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) as 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*): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteur, Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), on his fact-finding visit to Türkiye (11-14 June 2024) and held an exchange of views;
- **on Tuesday, 25 June 2024 at 08:30**, as regards:
  - **Challenges to democracy in Georgia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE and Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution;
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (*Co-rapporteurs: Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC and Ms Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (9 June 2024), and held an exchange of views;
- **on Tuesday, 25 June 2024 at 14:00**, as regards:
  - **Strengthening mechanisms for early warning on challenges to democratic security**: held a joint hearing with the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, with the participation of Ambassador Svetlana Geleva, Permanent Representative of North Macedonia, Chairperson of GR-DEM and Dr Seema Shah, Head of Programme, Democracy Assessment, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) (online);

- **on Wednesday, 26 June 2024 at 14:00**, as regards:
  - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC and Ms Boriána Åberg, Sweden, EPP/CD*): took position on two written amendments tabled to the draft resolution and took note of the rapporteur's intention to propose one oral amendment on behalf of the Committee;
  - **Challenges to democracy in Georgia** (*Co-rapporteurs: Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE and Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): took position on five amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
  - **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 its next meeting;
  - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania** (*Co-rapporteurs: .....*): postponed the appointment of co-rapporteurs until its 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 nominated Mr Serhii Soboliev (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE) to sit on the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in this Forum;
  - **European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 2 August 2024)**: took note of the programme and made a call for candidates to be appointed to the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in this event;
  - **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised the co-rapporteurs for Bulgaria, Georgia, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Serbia, Spain and Sweden to conduct a fact-finding visit to the countries under their respective responsibilities, subject to the availability of financial resources;
  - **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
    - Paris, 11 September 2024
    - Strasbourg, 30 September-4 October 2024 [during the Assembly part-session]
    - Tirana, 2-3 December 2024
- **on Thursday, 27 June 2024 at 08:45**, as regards:
  - **Regulating foreign influence: best practices and European standards**: held a joint hearing with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, with the participation of Ms Veronika Bílková, Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) and Ms Tanya Lokshina, Associate Director, Europe and Central Asia Division, Human Rights Watch.

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