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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 7, 8, 9 and 10 April 2025

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 7, 8, 9 and 10 April 2025, in camera, with Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica (Latvia, EPP/CD) and then Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), First Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Monday, 7 April 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Election of a third Vice-Chairperson of the Committee**: agreed to postpone the election to the next meeting;
 - **Debate under urgent procedure on the situation in Georgia and follow-up to Resolution 2585 (2025) on the “Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia”** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC, and Ms Sabina Čudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE*): confirmed the appointment of the two co-rapporteurs for the honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia as co-rapporteurs for the debate under urgent procedure; held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Salome Samadashvili, Strong Georgia, and Ms Tina Bokuchava, United National Movement - Unity; agreed to request the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) for an opinion on the Georgian Foreign Agents Registration Act (GEOFARA), the (draft) amendments to the Law on Grants and any other piece of legislation or draft piece of legislation related to the issue of “foreign influence”;
 - **Debate under urgent procedure on “The arrest of the Mayor of Istanbul and the state of democracy and human rights in Türkiye”** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC, and Lord David Blencathra, United Kingdom, ECPA*): confirmed the appointment of the two co-rapporteurs for the honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye as co-rapporteurs for the debate under urgent procedure, and held a preliminary exchange of views;
- **on Tuesday, 8 April 2025 at 08:30**, as regards:
 - **Debate under urgent procedure on the situation in Georgia and follow-up to Resolution 2585 (2025) on the “Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia”** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC, and Ms Sabina Čudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE*): unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;
 - **Debate under urgent procedure on “The arrest of the Mayor of Istanbul and the state of democracy and human rights in Türkiye”** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC, and Lord David Blencathra, United Kingdom, ECPA*): unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;

- **on Tuesday, 8 April 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Schäfer, Germany, SOC, and Ms Victoria Tiblom, Sweden, ECPA*): held a hearing on “Revelations concerning surveillance of journalists and activists and the situation of civil society” with the participation of Mr Raša Nedeljkov, Programme Director, CRTA (Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability), Belgrade, Serbia, Ms Jelena Sesar, Balkans researcher, Amnesty International, London, United Kingdom, and Mr Milan Trifunović, Head of the Technical Directorate, Police Directorate, Ministry of Interior, Belgrade, Serbia;
- **on Wednesday, 9 April 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Debate under urgent procedure on “The arrest of the Mayor of Istanbul and the state of democracy and human rights in Türkiye”** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC, and Lord David Blencathra, United Kingdom, ECPA*): took position on 12 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD, and Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC*): heard a statement by the co-rapporteur, Mr Cruchten, and held an exchange of views on recent developments in the country;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, ECPA, and Mr Pablo Hispán, Spain, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs and held an exchange of views on recent developments in the country;
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Greece (periodic monitoring report)** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Laura Castel, Spain, UEL, and Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Finland, SOC*): postponed the exchange of views with the Chairperson of the Greek delegation to the next meeting;
- **on Thursday, 10 April 2025 at 08:30**, as regards:
 - **Debate under urgent procedure on the situation in Georgia and follow-up to Resolution 2585 (2025) on the “Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia”** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC, and Ms Sabina Čudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE*): took position on 7 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD, and...*): postponed the appointment of a co-rapporteur to its next meeting;
 - **Parliamentary conference on “Envisioning effective public policy to prevent and address cases of missing migrants” (Strasbourg, 24-25 April 2025): call for candidates**: took note of the draft programme;
 - **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2025: call for nominations**: took note of the information concerning submission of candidates for the 2025 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize;
 - **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Riga, 15-16 May 2025
 - Strasbourg, 23-27 June 2025 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - Paris, 9 September 2025
 - Strasbourg, 29 September-3 October 2025 [during the Assembly part-session]
 - Paris, 9 December 2025

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