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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 23-25 June 2026

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 23-25 June 2026, in camera, with Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD), Chairperson, and then Mr Gerardo Giovagnoli (San Marino, SOC), 2nd Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- on Tuesday, 23 June 2026 at 14:00, as regards:
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan** (*co-rapporteurs: Sir Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, ECPA, and Ms Azadeh Rojhan, Sweden, SOC*): decided to postpone an exchange of views on the state of relations between the European Union and Azerbaijan to a future meeting;
 - **The functioning of democratic institutions in Serbia** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Victoria Tiblom, Sweden, ECPA, and Mr Yunus Emre, Türkiye, SOC*): took position on 20 amendments tabled to the draft resolution and decided to request an opinion of European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) on the Law on Amendments to the Law on the Election of the President of the Republic, the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Local Elections, the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on the Election of Members of Parliament, and the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on the Constitutional Court;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye** (*co-rapporteurs: Lord David Blencathra, United Kingdom, ECPA, and Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC*): held an exchange of views on recent developments in the country;

- on Wednesday, 24 June 2026 at 14:00 as regards:
 - **The functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC, and Ms Sabina Čudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE*): took position on 10 amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Greece** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Laura Castel, Spain, UEL, and Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Finland, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to send it to the authorities of Greece for comments, to be submitted by 7 August 2026 at the latest; decided to request an urgent opinion of the Venice Commission on the provisions of the following laws:
 - article 78 of the Law 4939/2022 on the Ratification of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners;

- articles 15 and 16 of the Law 5275/2026 on the promotion of Legal Migration Policies and the Transposition of Directive (EU) 2024/1233;
- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova** (*co-rapporteurs: Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Latvia, EPP/CD, and Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones, Spain, SOC*): heard a report by Mr Gutiérrez Limones on the co-rapporteurs' fact-finding visit to Chisinau (15-17 June 2026);
- **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti**, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 2 August 2026: made a call for candidates to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly and took note of the candidature of Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden, ECPA);
- **on Thursday, 25 June 2026 at 14:00, as regards:**
 - **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Christophe Brico, Monaco, EPP/CD, and Mr Didier Marie, France, SOC*): decided to request an opinion of the Venice Commission on the scope and limits under the principle of the separation of powers of the exercise of presidential powers in relation to oaths of office of constitutional court judges and in relation to other appointments, in light of comparative examples;
 - **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine** (*co-rapporteurs: Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE, and Mr Ricardo Carvalho, Portugal, EPP/CD*): appointed Mr Ricardo Carvalho (Portugal, EPP/CD) , subject to the completion of the obligation to update his declaration of interests to include the co-rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
 - **87th Meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections of the Council of Europe (11 June 2026)**: heard a report by Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL), representative of the Monitoring Committee at the Council for Democratic Elections of the Council of Europe;
 - **147th Plenary Session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) (12-13 June 2026)**: heard a report by Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) representative of the Monitoring Committee to the Venice Commission;
 - **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the World Forum for Democracy 2026 on the “New Democratic Pact for Europe” (Strasbourg, 2-3 November 2026)**: took note of the concept note; made a call for candidates to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the Forum; and took note of the candidacies of Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC), Mr Ricardo Carvalho (Portugal, EPP/CD) and Ms Albana Vokshi (Albania, EPP/CD);
 - **Authorisation of fact-finding visits**: authorised the co-rapporteurs for the Republic of Moldova and the Netherlands to conduct fact-finding visits to the countries under their responsibility, subject to the availability of funds;
 - **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 7 September 2026;
 - Strasbourg, 28 September-2 October 2026 [during the Assembly part-session];
 - Paris, 8 December 2026.

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