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Council of Europe Congress makes post-monitoring visit to the Republic of Moldova

Strasbourg, 30 June 2015 – A delegation from the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe is to make a post-monitoring visit to the Republic of Moldova on 2 July 2015.

The Congress delegation will comprise Philippe Receveur (Switzerland, EPP/CCE), Congress rapporteur on regional democracy, and Francis Lec (France, SOC), Congress rapporteur on local democracy.

The Republic of Moldova received two monitoring visits in 2005 and 2011. A high-level visit was also made to Chisinau on 1 and 2 July 2014, during which the Congress rapporteurs met national authorities and representatives of local authorities, including from the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia and the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova. It was during that visit that the Moldovan national authorities indicated their desire to enter into political dialogue with the Congress with a view to implementing its Recommendation 322 (2012) on local and regional democracy in the Republic of Moldova.

A post-monitoring programme was drawn up in partnership with the Moldovan authorities, providing for two post-monitoring units defined on the basis of the Congress's main recommendations, to be held on 2 July 2015. The National Decentralisation Strategy will be reviewed during the first post-monitoring unit, where stock will be taken of the measures carried out from 2012 to 2015. The second post-monitoring unit will look at various issues, again based on the main recommendations adopted by the Congress, such as *clarification of the distribution of powers and responsibilities between local and national levels, consultation of local authorities and a reduction in supervision of local authorities*.

Following the post-monitoring unit discussions, a roadmap drawn up by the rapporteurs with the national authorities and taking account of the government's needs and priorities and the situation in the country will be officially handed over to the government. The signing and official handover of the roadmap will close the post-monitoring procedure.

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