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Monitoring visit by the Congress to Luxembourg

Strasbourg, 4 March 2015 – A delegation from the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe is to make a monitoring visit to Luxembourg from 3 to 5 March. Congress rapporteurs Dorin Chirtoacă (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CCE) and Marianne Hollinger (Switzerland, ILDG) will examine the follow-up action taken on the commitments made by Luxembourg in the sphere of local democracy and devolution when it ratified the European Charter of Local Self-Government in 1987.

On 3 and 4 March, high-level meetings are scheduled in Luxembourg. The delegation will meet, in particular, Dan Kersch, Minister of the Interior, Viviane Ecker, President of the Council of State, Mars di Bartolomeo, President of the Chamber of Deputies, Georges Santer, President of the Constitutional Court, and Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and an MP representing the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The delegation will also be meeting Lydie Err, Ombudsman of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the mayors of the municipalities of Luxembourg, Schengen and Schuttrange and some representatives of the Luxembourg delegation to the Congress.

Luxembourg was the first Member State to ratify the European Charter of Local Self-Government. The countries which have ratified the Charter are bound by its provisions. The Charter requires compliance with a minimum number of rights which form the European foundation for local self-government. The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe makes sure that these principles are observed.

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