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## **Post-monitoring in the Republic of Moldova: the rapporteurs have faith in the political resolve of the Moldovan authorities**

Strasbourg, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 – In the context of the post-monitoring dialogue that was launched in Chisinau on 2 July in 2015, the rapporteurs of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in the Republic of Moldova, Philippe Receveur (Switzerland, EPP/CCE), Chair of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress, and Francis Lec (France, SOC), member of the Monitoring Committee, had a wide-ranging exchange of views with the representatives of various Moldovan ministries, in which the Congress of Local Authorities of Moldova (CALM) and Dorin Chirtoaca, Mayor of Chisinau, and representative of the Moldovan delegation to the Congress, took part.

The representatives of the government expressed their desire to implement the National Decentralisation Strategy (SND) by the end of the year. "This is a commitment which we very much welcome and which will have to be put into practice in a difficult political context in the Republic of Moldova" said Philippe Receveur, rapporteur on regional democracy.

The main recommendations adopted by the Congress in 2012 were the focal point of the discussions that took place on Thursday 2 July 2015 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. "We have faith in the political resolve of the Moldovan authorities to implement our recommendations", said Francis Lec, "but it will be necessary to make up for lost time by re-launching the reforms as soon as possible".

The dialogue between Chisinau and the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia was also discussed. The Congress was satisfied with the expressed willingness to pursue concrete and fruitful dialogue but regretted the absence of Irina Vlah, Bachkan of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia, who had been invited to attend the meeting.

In a few weeks, a roadmap will be drawn up by the Congress and the Moldovan Government to identify the steps that still need to be taken to implement Recommendation 322(2012) of the Congress.

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