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Meeting of 21 January 2016

1. Armenia: Stocktaking of co-operation with the Council of Europe and fulfillment of statutory obligations

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1. At its previous meeting, the Group examined the report prepared by the Secretariat, entitled “State of implementation of the commitments entered into by Armenia (May 2013 - June 2015)” (see document GR-DEM(2015)28). It also examined the draft decisions below and a proposal for an amendment to the draft, presented by the Armenian delegation in document DD(2015)1273.

2. As agreed, the Group is invited to resume discussion at the present meeting with a view to transmitting a set of draft decisions to the Deputies for adoption without further debate at their 1246th meeting (3 February 2016).

Draft decisions

The Deputies

1. took note of the report “State of implementation of the commitments entered into by Armenia (May 2013 – June 2015)” (document GR-DEM(2015)28);
2. welcomed the constant progress made by Armenia in fulfilling statutory obligations and specific commitments entered into as a member of the Council of Europe;
3. noted that Armenia is engaged in a process of constitutional reform and encouraged the Armenian authorities to implement this reform through an inclusive approach, ensuring also that the organisation of the related referendum comply with European standards;
4. called on the Armenian authorities to implement the specific recommendations indicated in the above-mentioned report, in particular concerning electoral, judicial and prison reform, as well as the adoption of a comprehensive anti-discrimination law and the revision of the law on the Human Rights Defender;
5. recalled the availability of the Council of Europe to support the efforts of the Armenian authorities to achieve further progress in the implementation of the commitments entered into and encouraged the authorities to make full use of the co-operation possibilities offered, in particular in the context of the Action Plan of the Council of Europe for Armenia 2015 – 2018;
6. invited their Group of Rapporteurs on Democracy (GR-DEM) to report back to them on a regular basis.

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