



.Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe
(Monitoring Committee)
Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe
(Commission de suivi)

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HONOURING OF OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS BY MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (MONITORING COMMITTEE)

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The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), meeting in Paris on 17 March 2010, with Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on recent developments and authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country;
- *Montenegro* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD, and Mr Serhiy Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): examined the comments by the Montenegrin delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly on the preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro, considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- *The consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, ALDE, and Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG): held an exchange of views on the basis of the written information provided by the Georgian and Russian delegations on the implementation of Resolution 1683 (2009), considered a preliminary draft explanatory memorandum, agreed to consider the draft report and resolution on Sunday 25 April 2010, and decided to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on the Law on the amendments to the Law on Defence of the Russian Federation;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria* (rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE) : considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution; invited its chairman to inform the Bureau of the Assembly of its wish to have this report debated during a plenary session of the Assembly and to ask the Bureau to include it on the agenda of the April 2010 part-session;
- *Armenia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD, and Mr Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC): held an exchange of views on the reforms initiated by the authorities following the March 2008 events, decided to return to this issue when the written reply of the authorities has been received and agreed to hold a hearing with the opposition on this subject at a forthcoming meeting of the committee;
- *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD, and Mr Debono Grech, Malta, SOC): decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- *The functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD, and Ms Woldseth, Norway, EDG): appointed Ms Woldseth (Norway, EDG) co-rapporteur to replace Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG), held an exchange of views with the parliamentary delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Parliamentary Assembly on the follow-up to Resolution 1701 (2010), instructed the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country before the Assembly April 2010 part-session and, depending on the findings of the co-rapporteurs, ask the Chairman of the Committee to propose to the Bureau,

on behalf of the committee, the holding of an urgent debate on the functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the April 2010 part-session of the Assembly;

– *The functioning of democratic institutions in Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Laakso, Finland, UEL, and Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG): heard an oral statement by the co-rapporteurs on their visit to Albania together with the Presidential Committee (22-23 February 2010) and authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country;

– *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD, and Mrs Reps, Estonia, ALDE): in the absence of the co-rapporteurs, decided to postpone this item to the next meeting of the committee and authorised a fact-finding visit of the two co-rapporteurs to the country;

– *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised fact-finding visits to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine;

– *Other business*: held an exchange of views on the contribution of the committee to the 2010 debate on the state of democracy in Europe, heard an oral report by Mr Holovaty on the 82nd plenary session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venise Commission), and appointed Mr Wilshire (United Kingdom, EDG) Committee representative to the Council on Democratic Elections;

– *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings in Strasbourg during the 2nd part of the 2010 session of the Assembly (26-30 April) and in Paris on 19 May 2010.

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