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

**Hearing on frozen conflicts**

jointly organised by the Monitoring Committee and the German Institute for  
International and Security Affairs (SWP)

**Berlin, 5-6 November 2007**

*(German Bundestag, Marie-Elisabeth-Lüders-Haus, Adele-Schreiber-Krieger-Str. 1, 10117 Berlin  
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**Preliminary draft programme**

***Sunday, 4 November 2007***

*Arrival of participants*

***Monday, 5 November 2007***

08.30                      *Transfer from the hotels to the venue*

09.00                      *Registration*

**09.30 – 09.45            OPENING**

Welcome speech by **Mr Eduard LINTNER** (Germany, EPP/CD), Chairman of the  
Monitoring Committee

**09.45 – 11.00            INTRODUCTORY SESSION – COMPARATIVE INSIGHT**

**Moderator: Mr Uwe HALBACH**, German Institute for International and Security  
Affairs (SWP)

- **Mr Uwe HALBACH**, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)  
*Frozen conflicts: a European problem?*
- **Dr Bruno COPPIETERS**, Professor of Political Science at Free University of Brussels  
*An assessment of the European involvement in the settlement of the frozen conflicts*

- **Mr Sergey MARKEDONOV**, Head of the Department of inter-ethnic relations of the Institute of Political and Ministry Analysis  
*Frozen conflicts: key challenges and settlement options. General overview*
- **Mr Thomas MARKERT**, Deputy Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), Council of Europe  
*Frozen conflicts from a comparative and international law perspective*
- **Questions, summing up by the Moderator**

11.00 – 11.30      *Coffee*

**11.30 – 13.00      BRAINSTORMING SESSION 1 – NAGORNO-KARABAKH**

**Moderator:** **Lord RUSSELL-JOHNSTON** (ALDE, United Kingdom), Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the implementation of Resolution 1416 (2005) on the conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference

**Panellists:**

- **Mr Jonathan COHEN**, Co-director of the Caucasus Programme, Conciliation Resources, London  
*Analysis of the current situation and possible developments*
- **Professor Stefan WOLFF**, Professor of Political Science, University of Nottingham  
*EU perspective of settlement of the conflict*

**Exchange of views:** the members of the Committee are invited to put questions to the experts

13.00 – 14.00      *Lunch*

**14.00 – 15.30      BRAINSTORMING SESSION 2 – ABKHAZIA AND SOUTHERN OSSETIA**

**Moderator:** **Mr Kastriot ISLAMI** (SOC, Albania), rapporteur of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States on Georgia, Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe

**Panellists:**

- **Mr Vladimir SOCOR**, Senior Research Fellow, Jamestown Foundation  
*Analysis of the current situation and possible developments*
- **Mr Svante CORNELL**, Research Director of the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Programme  
*New alternatives for the settlement of the conflicts: an increased role of the international community?*

**Exchange of views:** the members of the Committee are invited to put questions to the experts

15.30 – 16.00      *Coffee*

**16.00 – 17.30      BRAINSTORMING SESSION 3 - TRANSNISTRIA**

**Moderator:** **Mrs Josette DURRIEU** (SOC, France), Rapporteur of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States on Moldova, Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe

**Panelists:**

- **Mr Nicu POPESCU**, Research fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations, London Office  
*Analysis of the current situation and possible developments*
- **Mr James SHERR**, Fellow, Advanced Research & Assessment Group, Defence Academy of the United Kingdom  
*New alternatives for a long-awaited settlement in Transnistria*

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**17.30**

**END OF DAY 1**

17.45 – 18.45

*Visit of the Reichstag-Building*

19.00

*Transfer from the Reichstag-Building to the restaurant "Habel Weinkultur" (Luisenstr. 19, Berlin)*

19.30

*Traditional Berlin dinner hosted by Mr Ruprecht POLENZ, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Bundestag*

22.00

*Transfer to the hotels*

<b>Tuesday, 6 November 2007</b>
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08.45

*Transfer from the hotels to the venue*

**09.30 – 12.30**

**PLENARY SESSION – FUTURE PERSPECTIVES OF SETTLEMENT OF FROZEN CONFLICTS: THE WAY FORWARD**

**Moderator:** **Mr Eduard LINTNER**, Chairman of the Monitoring Committee

- **Statement by a Special Guest:**

**Ambassador Per SJÖGREN**, Permanent Representative of Sweden, Chairman of the Monitoring Group (GT-SUIVI.AGO) of the Committee of Ministers  
*The role of the Council of Europe in the settlement of frozen conflicts as the guardian of European standards for democracy, human rights and rule of law*

- **Statements by:**

**Mr Varujan NERSISYAN**, Member of Nagorno Karabakh conflict negotiation group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Armenia

**Mr Araz AZIMOV**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Azerbaijan

**Mr Davit BAKRADZE**, State Minister for Conflict Settlement, Georgia

**Mr Vasili ŞOVA**, Minister of Reintegration, Moldova

**Mr Valery KENYAYKIN**, Ambassador at large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation

**Mr Valery NESTERUSHKIN**, Ambassador at large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation

- **Exchange of views** with the participation of **Mr Peter SEMNEBY**, EU Special Representative in South Caucasus and **Mr Kalman MIZSEI**, EU Special Representative for Moldova

**The members of the Committee are invited to put questions to the speakers**

**12.30 – 13.00**

**CONCLUSIONS**

Summing up by the Chair, **Mr Eduard LINTNER**, Chairman of the Monitoring Committee

*13.00 – 14.00*

*Farewell lunch for all participants hosted by Mr Joachim HÖRSTER, Head of the German Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

**14.00 – 14.30**

**PRESS CONFERENCE**

14.45 – 16.30

Meeting of the Monitoring Committee (*in camera*)