

Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Declaration on Turkey adopted by the Monitoring Committee on 29 January 2014

Strasbourg, 29.01.2014 – The Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 2014 and basing itself on the preliminary findings of Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), rapporteur for the post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey, adopted the following declaration:

"The Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly has been following events in Turkey since 17 December 2013 with concern.

It calls on the Turkish authorities to guarantee judicial independence and impartiality in the context of the ongoing reforms and their implementation in practice. The committee invites the authorities to co-operate with the Council of Europe, in particular its Venice Commission, to ensure their future legislation's consistency with European standards.

The committee is still awaiting a constitutional reform which must provide the required clarifications and guarantee the separation and balance of powers.

In the meantime, the Committee has decided to follow developments in Turkey and to come back to these matters at its next meeting if the circumstances so warrant."