



FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HONOURING OF OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS BY MEMBER STATES

Secretariat of the Assembly

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The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe, meeting in Budapest on 11 March 2002 with Mr Bársony in the Chair:

- *Russia (co-rapporteurs: MM. Atkinson, United Kingdom, EDG, and Bindig, Germany, SOC)*: considered, amended and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, asked the co-rapporteurs to present these to the Assembly at the April 2002 part-session, and authorised them to make a fact-finding visit to Vladivostok from 27 April to 5 May 2002;
- *Moldova (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vahtre, Estonia, EPP/CD)*: considered a memorandum presented by the co-rapporteurs following their fact-finding visit to Chisinau and Moscow from 27 to 31 January 2002, asked the Chair to write to the Bureau proposing a debate at the Assembly part-session in April 2002 on the functioning of democratic institutions in Moldova, and in view of this asked the co-rapporteurs to present a draft report at the next meeting;
- *Activities of the Monitoring Committee*: considered a memorandum presented by the Chair and decided to continue its discussion at a future meeting;
- *Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD)*: heard a statement by Mrs Severinsen on the pre-electoral mission which took place from 27 February to 3 March 2002;

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly

Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
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Director of Communication and Research

- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: MM. Smorawinski, Poland, EPP/CD, and Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL)*: considered the minute by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to the country from 19 to 21 February 2002;
- *Armenia (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Belohorska, Slovakia, EDG, and Mr Jaskiernia, Poland, SOC)*: approved the draft programme for the visit by the co-rapporteurs from 8 to 13 April, including a joint visit with the co-rapporteurs on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan to Nagorno-Karabakh and neighbouring occupied areas, and asked the Chair to inform the Bureau of the Assembly of this joint visit;
- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: MM. Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Martinez-Casañ, Spain, PPE/DC)*: approved the draft programme for the visit by the co-rapporteurs from 5 to 9 April, including a visit to Nagorno-Karabakh and neighbouring occupied areas, with the co-rapporteurs on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”*: heard a statement by the Chair, after his fact-finding visit to the country (27 February to 1 March 2002), asked him to present a revised memorandum on the post-monitoring dialogue at a future meeting, and adopted an appeal to the participants at the Donor’s Conference to be held on 12 March in Brussels;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue*: was informed by the Chair that contributions by the parliamentary delegations of Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania had been received, and decided to include them on the agenda of the next meeting, and instructed its Chairman to invite the Latvian delegation to inform him on the follow-up given to Resolution 1236 (2001) adopted by the Assembly when closing the monitoring procedure in respect of Latvia;
- *Next meetings*:
 - . in Paris on 3 April (afternoon) and 4 April (morning),
 - . in Strasbourg during the Assembly part-session (22-26 April 2002),
 - . in Bucharest from 15 to 17 May (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*).

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