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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 23 October 2002 with Mrs Durrieu and Mr Frey in the Chair:

- *Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD)*: heard statements by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to the country on 13-16 October 2002, and asked them to present a preliminary draft report to the committee in January with a view to its debate at the April 2003 Part-Session of the Assembly;
- *Russia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Atkinson, United Kingdom, EDG, and Mr Bindig, Germany, SOC)*: was informed of recent developments in Russia, and had an exchange of views on the preparation of the co-rapporteurs' fact-finding visit to take place on 24-27 November 2002;
- *Bosnia and Herzegovina (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Akgonenç, Turkey, EDG, and Mr Surjan, Hungary, EPP/CD)*: heard a statement by the co-rapporteur on the observation of the elections held on 5 October; authorised the co-rapporteurs to carry-out a fact-finding visit to the country on dates to be arranged, and authorised Mr Surjan to make the first part of the visit alone before the end of 2002, if Mrs Akgonenç was unavailable;
- *Progress report of the Monitoring Committee*: considered a draft report presented by the Chair, and decided to continue the discussion at a future meeting on the basis of a revised draft report;
- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP/CD, and Mr Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL)*: had an exchange of views on the continuation of the monitoring of the obligations and commitments of Albania, and the preparation of the co-rapporteurs' fact-finding visit on 11-15 November 2002;
- *Turkey*: appointed Mrs Delvaux-Stehres (Luxembourg, SOC) co-rapporteur;
- *Georgia*: appointed Mr Kirilov (Bulgaria, SOC) co-rapporteur;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"*: took note of the written contribution of the Macedonian authorities, authorised the Chair to carry-out a fact-finding visit to Skopje on dates to be arranged and asked her to submit a report at a future meeting;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Slovakia*: heard a presentation of the contribution from the Slovak Delegation;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Latvia*: had a brief exchange of views on the observation of the elections held on 5 October 2002, authorised the Chair to carry-out a fact-finding visit on dates to be arranged and asked her to submit a report at a future meeting;

- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria*: heard a statement by the Chair on her recent visit to Bulgaria (9 October 2002), authorised her to carry-out another fact-finding visit to Sofia on dates to be arranged and asked her to submit a report at a future meeting;

- *Liechtenstein*: considered a memorandum by the Chair, heard comments from Mrs Wohlwend, Head of the Liechtenstein parliamentary delegation, and decided that, in view of the complexity of questions raised, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights would be in a better position, at this stage, to determine the follow-up to be given to the letters received by the committee on the subject of the present constitutional reform in the country;

- *statement by the committee representative at the meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections (Venice, 16 October 2002)*: heard a statement by Mr Frunda on the work currently undertaken by the working group;

- *Next meetings*:

- in Paris on 11 December 2002,
- in Paris, on 14 January 2003.

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