

# Parliamentary Assembly

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Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (**Monitoring Committee**)  
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### FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HONOURING OF OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS BY MEMBER STATES

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**The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe**, meeting in Paris on 14 January 2003 with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Bosnia and Herzegovina (co-rapporteurs: Mr Surjan, Hungary, EPP/CD and ...)*: appointed Mrs Shakhtakhtinskaya (*Azerbaijan, independent*) co-rapporteur, and took note that the Committee would hold an exchange of views with Lord Ashdown, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, at its next meeting;
- *Turkey (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Delvaux-Stehres, Luxembourg, SOC and Mr van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD)*: authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country from 17 to 20 February 2003; and took note that Mr Gul, Prime Minister of Turkey, would make a statement to the Assembly during the next part-session;
- *Georgia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR, and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC)*: authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country from 11 to 14 February 2003;
- *Moldova (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vahre, Estonia, EPP/CD)*: heard statements by the co-rapporteurs on the present political situation, and was informed of a letter from the Prosecutor General of Moldova transmitted to the co-rapporteurs concerning the request for lifting the parliamentary immunity of Mr Rosca;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"*: heard a statement by the Chair on her visit to the country from 16 to 18 December 2002;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Latvia*: was informed that the Chair would make her first fact-finding visit to Riga from 14 to 16 January 2003, and asked her to make a statement at a future meeting;
- *Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD)*: was informed of the recent developments in the country, and took note of the invitation by the Ukrainian delegation to hold a meeting in the country in spring 2003 and decided to organise at the same time a hearing on the freedom of the media in Ukraine;
- *Liechtenstein*: took note of the opinion of the Venice Commission, and was informed by the Chair of the decision of the Bureau to propose that the Assembly should hold a debate under urgent procedure during the next part-session on the amendments to the Constitution of Liechtenstein and to refer the question to the Political Affairs Committee for report;

- *Next meetings:*

. took note of invitations addressed respectively by the parliamentary delegations of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia to hold meeting in their countries during the year 2003;

. decided to meet as follows:

. in Strasbourg during the Assembly part-session (27-31 January 2003);

. in Paris, on 4 March 2003;

. in Strasbourg during the Assembly part-session (31 March – 4 April 2003).

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cc: *Secretary General of the Assembly*  
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