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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 Strasbourg on 27 January 2003 with first Mr Jurgens, senior member present, and then Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Election of the Bureau of the Committee*: re-elected the Chair Mrs Durrieu (France, SOC) by acclamation, elected by acclamation Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD) first Vice-Chair, Mr Frey (Switzerland, LDR) second Vice-Chair, and Mrs Tevdoradze (Georgia, EDG) third Vice-Chair;

continuing its meeting on 28 January 2003 at 2 pm, with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Bosnia and Herzegovina (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Shakhtakhtinskaya, Azerbaijan, EDG and Mr Surjan, Hungary, EPP/CD)*: held an exchange of views with Lord Ashdown, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina;

- *Reconstitution of the Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the implementation of Resolution 1272 (2002) on political prisoners in Azerbaijan*: reconstituted its Sub-Committee as follows: Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC), Mr Martínez Casañ (Spain, EPP/CD) and Mr Soendergaard (Denmark, UEL);

then continuing the meeting on 30 January 2003 at 2 pm, with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (rapporteur: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC)*: took note that no amendments have been tabled to the draft order, appointed Mr Yanez-Barnuevo to present the Committee's report and its second Vice-Chair as Committee spokesman during the debate in the Assembly to be held the following morning;

- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP/CD, and Mr Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL)*: heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs and authorised them to make a fact-finding visit on dates to be arranged;

- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP/CD)*: heard a statement by its co-rapporteur on his visit to the country from 20 to 24 January 2003, and noted that the Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the implementation of Resolution 1272 (2002) on political prisoners in Azerbaijan would make a fact-finding visit to the country from 10 to 14 February 2003;

- *Moldova (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vahtre, Estonia, EPP/CD)*: authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country from 10 to 12 March 2003;

- *Next meetings:*

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

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