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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 4 March 2003 with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Georgia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eorsi, Hungary, LDR and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC)*: heard a statement by the co-rapporteur on the fact-finding visit to the country from 12 to 14 February 2003, and took note of their intention to make another visit in June and possibly to present a draft report to the Assembly at the June 2003 part-session on the functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia;
- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP/CD, and Mr Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL)*: considered and approved a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania, decided to transmit it to the Albanian authorities for comment within three months and authorised the co-rapporteurs to make another visit on dates to be arranged;
- *Turkey (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Delvaux-Stehres, Luxembourg, SOC and Mr van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD)*: heard statements by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to the country from 17 to 20 February 2003 and authorised them to make another visit on dates to be arranged;
- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP/CD)*: heard statements from Mr Gross and Mr Soendergaard on the fact-finding visit that the *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee on the implementation of Resolution 1272 (2002) on political prisoners in Azerbaijan had made to the country from 10 to 14 February 2003, and authorised the co-rapporteurs on the honouring of obligations and commitments to make a fact-finding visit on dates to be arranged;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Latvia*: considered a memorandum by the Chair prepared after her visit to Riga from 14 to 16 January 2003 in the framework of the post-monitoring dialogue, heard comments from the Chair and two members of the Latvian parliamentary delegation, decided to continue the dialogue with the authorities on the matters contained in the memorandum, and with this in view, authorised the Chair to visit the country again on dates to be arranged;
- *Armenia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Jaskiernia, Poland, SOC, and ...)*: heard a brief statement by the rapporteur concerning the Presidential elections, and decided to come back to the matter at its next meeting, to consider the final report of the Bureau's *Ad hoc* Committee for the observation of the Presidential elections in Armenia;
- *Honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia and Azerbaijan – Nagorno-Karabakh conflict*: asked its Chair to write to the President of the Assembly and to the Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee requesting that the monitoring co-rapporteurs concerned should join the rapporteur «on the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan» of the Political Affairs Committee on his next visit;

- appointed Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP) to participate in a meeting of the Council of Democratic Elections of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice, 13 March 2003);

- *Seminar on the freedom of the electronic media in Ukraine (17 March 2003)*: decided to set-up an *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee as follows: Mrs Severinsen, co-rapporteur on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine, Mrs Tevdoradze, Vice-Chairperson, Mr Mollazade and Mr Cekuolis;

- *Meeting in Kyiv*: heard a statement by Mr Rakhansky and welcomed the invitation extended by the Ukrainian delegation to hold a meeting in Kiyv on 12-13 May 2003;

- *Next meetings*:

- . in Strasbourg, during the next part session of the Assembly (31 March – 4 April 2003),
- . in Kyiv, 12-13 May 2003 (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*).

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