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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 1, 2 and 3 April 2003 with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair, as regards:

- *Moldova (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vahtre, Estonie, EPP)*: considered and unanimously approved a preliminary draft information report on the implementation of Resolution 1303 (2002) on the functioning of democratic institutions in Moldova, and asked the co-rapporteurs to present it to the Standing Committee to be held in Chisinau on 27 May 2003;

- *Post-monitoring dialogue with "the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"*: considered and approved a memorandum by the Chair, heard comments presented by the Chair of the Macedonian parliamentary delegation, decided to continue the dialogue with the authorities concerning the matters mentioned in the memorandum, and authorised the Chair to return to the country on a future date to be arranged;

- *Armenia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Jaskiernia, Poland, SOC, and ...)*: took note of the request from the co-rapporteur to make a fact-finding visit to the country after the parliamentary elections on 25 May 2003, decided to present a draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia at the January 2004 part-session, and appointed Mr André (France, EDG) co-rapporteur;

- *Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP)*: decided to send the draft law on amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine, proposed by the Ukrainian President, to the Venice Commission for opinion;

- *Ad hoc Sub-Committee to implement Resolution 1272 (2002) on Political Prisoners in Azerbaijan*: heard statements by Mr Gross and Mr Martínez Casañ on the meetings held on 4 March and 3 April 2003, and took note that the *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee would make a fact-finding visit from 5 to 9 May 2003;

- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP)*: invited the co-rapporteurs to agree on the date for a joint visit to the country concerning the revision of the electoral code, to take place before the adoption of the latter on 17 April, and decided that, if they were unable to reach an agreement on the precise date, and if the Venice Commission concluded that insufficient progress in following its recommendations had been made by the Azerbaijani authorities, authorised its Chair to replace the unavailable co-rapporteur for the fact-finding visit;

- *Georgia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR, and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC)*: took note of a memorandum presented by the co-rapporteurs following their fact-finding visit to the country from 12 to 14 February 2003, authorised them to make another visit next June, and asked the Chair to write to the Bureau concerning the organisation of a pre-electoral mission to Georgia to prepare the parliamentary elections to be held autumn 2003;

- *Liechtenstein*: took note that the Bureau had referred the opinion of the Venice Commission on the amendments to the Constitution of Liechtenstein proposed by the Princely House of Liechtenstein to the Monitoring Committee, noted that it asked the Committee to consider initiating a monitoring procedure, and appointed Mr Hancock (United Kingdom, LDR) and Mr Jurgens (Netherlands, SOC) co-rapporteurs;

- *Bosnia and Herzegovina (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Shakhtakhtinskaya, Azerbaijan, EDG, and Mr Surjan, Hungary, EPP)*: appointed the co-rapporteurs to represent the Monitoring Committee at the Colloquy on "evolution and future development of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina" organised jointly by the Political Affairs Committee and the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina on 19 - 20 May 2003, and authorised them to carry out a fact-finding visit from 20 to 24 May 2003;

- *Turkey (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Delvaux-Stehres, Luxembourg, SOC, and Mr Van den Brande, Belgium, EPP)*: authorised the co-rapporteurs to carry out a fact-finding visit to the country on 25 to 29 May 2003;

- *Council for Democratic Elections*: appointed Mr van den Brande (Belgium, EPP) as its representative;

- Next meetings:

- in Kyiv on 12-13 May 2003,
- in Budapest on 13 June 2003,
- in Strasbourg during the Assembly part-session (23-27 June 2003).

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