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The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe, meeting in Kyiv on 12 and 13 May 2003 with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair :

- *Exchanges of views with the Ukrainian authorities:*

. had meetings with His Excellency Mr Leonid Kuchma, President of the Republic of Ukraine, and Mr Volodymyr Lytvyn, Speaker of the *Verkhovna Rada* of Ukraine ;

. heard statements and held exchanges of views with:

- Mr Anatoliy Zlenko, Minister of Foreign Affairs,
- Mrs Nina Karpatchova, Parliament's Ombudsperson,
- MM. Drizchaniy et Vinokurov, Deputy Prosecutor Generals ;
- Leaders of parliamentary factions and groups of the Rada ;

- *Armenia (co-rapporteurs: Mr André, France, EPP and Mr Jaskiernia, Poland, SOC):* considered a memorandum submitted by the co-rapporteurs *on the implementation of Resolution 1304 (2002) : the honouring by Armenia of its commitment to abolish the death penalty*, confirmed its decision to present a draft report on honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia at the Assembly part session to be held in January 2004 and authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country in July 2003 ;

- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP):* heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on the reform of the Electoral Law and their conclusions concerning their working group on this question with representatives of the Azerbaijani authorities present in Strasbourg on 14 April 2003, authorised the co-rapporteurs to visit the country on dates to be arranged ;

- *Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the implementation of Resolution 1272 (2002) on political prisoners in Azerbaijan :* heard a statement by Mr Soendergaard on the fact-finding visit to the country from 5 to 9 May 2003, and instructed its Chair to write a letter to the Bureau requesting that the committee be seized for an opinion on the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on *political prisoners in Azerbaijan* to be presented to the Assembly at its June part-session ;

- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Croatia:* heard a statement by the Chair on the fact-finding visit she had made to the country from 14 to 16 April 2003, and asked her to draft a memorandum to be presented at the next meeting ;

- *Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP):* examined the comments presented by the Ukrainian authorities on the preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine, decided to present a report to the Assembly at

its September 2003 part session, and heard a statement by Mrs Severinsen concerning her participation in the Seminar on the freedom of electronic media in Ukraine (Kyiv, 18 April 2003);

- *Serbia and Montenegro*: appointed Mr Budin (Italy, SOC) and Mr Cekuolis (Lithuania, LDR), co-rapporteurs;

- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP, and Mr Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL)*: authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a further visit to the country on dates to be arranged ;

- *Liechtenstein (co-rapporteurs: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, LDR and Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC)*: authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit from 2 to 4 July 2003;

- *Next meeting*:

. in Strasbourg, during the Assembly part session (23 – 27 June 2003).

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