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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 Strasbourg on 24 and 25 June 2003 with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Political prisoners in Azerbaijan*: appointed Mr Soendergaard (Denmark, UEL) rapporteur for opinion, considered a report presented by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and prepared an oral opinion;
- *Armenia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Jaskiernia, Poland, SOC, and Mr André, France, EPP)*: heard a statement by its co-rapporteur and Chair on the observation of the parliamentary elections held on 25 May 2003, took note of the letter they addressed to President Kocharian, authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country from 19 to 24 August 2003, asked them to present a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia at its next meeting, and took note of the motion for a resolution *on responsibility of the Council of Europe member states ignoring to honour the obligations on the abolition of the death penalty*, which had been referred for information to the Committee;
- *Georgia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR, and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC)*: heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to the country from 3 to 5 June 2003, and authorised them to make a further visit next September with a view to presenting a report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia on the functioning of pluralist democracy at the September part-session of the Assembly;
- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP, and Mr Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL)*: heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs and regretted that the Albanian parliamentary delegation was not in a position to present its comments to the preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania within the time limit agreed;
- *Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP)*: considered and unanimously adopted a preliminary draft resolution and preliminary draft recommendation with a view to presenting a report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine at the September part-session of the Assembly;
- *Turkey (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Delvaux-Stehres, Luxembourg, SOC, and Mr van den Brande, Belgium, EPP)*: heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to the country from 25 to 29 May 2003, and took note of their intention to present a preliminary draft report at its next meeting;
- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP)*: authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country on 14-18 July 2003;

- took note of the motion for a recommendation *on Liechtenstein's membership of the Council of Europe*, which had been referred for information to the Committee;

- *Next meetings:*

. in Paris (Council of Europe Office) on 10 September 2003;

. in Strasbourg during the Assembly part-session (25 September – 2 October 2003).

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