

To Members of the Committee on the honouring of obligations and commitments by member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) and Members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

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The Joint Working Party (JWP) to implement Resolution 1272 (2002) on Political Prisoners in Azerbaijan (of the Committee on the honouring of obligations and commitments by member States of the Council of Europe and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) **meeting on Thursday 26 June 2003 in Strasbourg with Mr Clerfayt in the Chair:**

- *Briefing on the information visit to Azerbaijan (5-9 May 2003)* : considered a report by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (Doc. 9826) on political prisoners in Azerbaijan, and amendments to the draft recommendation, considered the last presidential pardoning decree of 17 June 2003, and took note that the five pilot cases still in prison will have a new trial ;
- upon the personal invitation of its Chairperson, heard a statement by Mr Muratović, rapporteur for opinion of the Political Affairs Committee for the report on political prisoners in Azerbaijan of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (Doc. 9826), on the motivation of his amendments ;
- held an exchange of views on the strategy to be followed with a view to the September 2003 part-session;
- *GT.Suivi-Ago*: heard a statement by Ambassador Ago on his group's activities;
- *Next meeting*: during the Assembly's September 2003 part-session.

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