

# Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire

Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States  
of the Council of Europe (**Monitoring Committee**)  
Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres  
du Conseil de l'Europe (**Commission de suivi**)



## FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HONOURING OF OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS BY MEMBER STATES

### Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

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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 10 September 2003 with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Croatia*: considered and approved a memorandum presented by the Chair and decided to recommend to the Bureau the conclusion of the post-monitoring dialogue;
- *Armenia (co-rapporteurs: Mr André, France, EPP/CD and Mr Jaskiernia, Poland, SOC)*: heard a statement by Mr André on the co-rapporteurs' fact-finding visit to Armenia from 20 to 24 August 2003 and held an exchange of views on recent developments in the country;
- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP/CD)*: heard a statement by Mr Gross on the co-rapporteurs' fact-finding visit to the country from 14 to 18 July 2003, considered an information memorandum by the co-rapporteurs and, following a request by Mr Gross, authorised them to make an additional fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan in the days following the pre-electoral mission to be held in the country on 15 and 16 September 2003;
- *Georgia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC)*: in the absence of the co-rapporteurs, heard a brief statement by the Chair and took note of the letter of 11 July 2003 addressed by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly to the President of Georgia;
- decided to propose to the Bureau the holding of a debate under urgent procedure on the *functioning of democratic institutions in the Southern Caucasian states* at the September part-session of the Assembly and instructed the Chair to send this request to the President of the Assembly accordingly;
- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP/CD and Mr Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL)*: heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs, regretted that the Albanian parliamentary delegation still had not submitted its comments to the preliminary draft report on the honouring by Albania of its obligations and commitments, took note of a letter sent on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2003 by the Chair to the Chairman of the Albanian parliamentary delegation thereon, to which there has been no reply; instructed the Chair to send another letter expressing the Committee's concerns and authorised the co-rapporteurs to make another fact-finding visit to the country in November 2003;
- *Liechtenstein (co-rapporteurs: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, LDR and Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC)*: considered, amended and approved a draft opinion submitted by the co-rapporteurs and, following an exchange of views, decided to recommend to the Bureau the opening of a monitoring procedure as regards Liechtenstein;

- Turkey (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Delvaux-Stehres, Luxembourg, SOC and Mr van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD): considered and approved a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey, and decided to transmit it to the Turkish authorities for comment within three months;

- *Next meeting:*

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

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cc: *Secretary General of the Assembly*  
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