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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

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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 29 September 2003 with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD)*: took position on 33 amendments and 1 sub-amendment to the draft resolution and on 9 amendments to the draft recommendation;

continuing its meeting on 30 September 2003 at 8.30 am, with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP/CD)*: heard a statement by Mr Martínez Casañ on the pre-electoral visit which took place from 14 to 19 September 2003;

- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP/CD, and Mr Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL)*: authorised the co-rapporteurs to carry out a fact-finding visit to the country during November 2003 and invited the Albanian delegation to restore a constructive dialogue on that occasion;

- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Latvia*: considered contributions presented by the Latvian parliamentary delegation and a background note by the Chair, and confirmed the authorisation given to her to make another visit to the country from 18 to 20 November 2003;

- *Russia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Atkinson, United Kingdom, EDG, and Mr Bindig, Germany, SOC)*: heard a statement by Mr Atkinson on preparation of the co-rapporteurs' fact-finding visit to take place in the Far East Region (Vladivostok and Khabarovsk) from 26 October to 1 November 2003;

- *Georgia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR, and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC)*: following a request from the co-rapporteurs, decided to request an opinion from the Venice Commission on the draft amendments to the constitution proposed by the President of Georgia by referendum on 2 November 2003;

- *Serbia and Montenegro (co-rapporteurs: Mr Budin, Italy, SOC, and Mr Cekuolis, Lithuania, LDR)*: authorised the co-rapporteurs to carry out a fact-finding visit to the country on dates to be arranged;

- *Liechtenstein (co-rapporteurs: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, LDR, and Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC)*: took note of the decision of the Bureau to postpone the decision on the question whether to initiate a monitoring procedure until its meeting on 6 November 2003 in Paris and to invite the rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, as well as its Chairperson, to this meeting for this item on the agenda;

- *Next meetings:*

- . in Paris (Council of Europe Office) on 5 November 2003,
- . in Paris (Council of Europe Office) on 9 December 2003,
- . in Paris (Council of Europe Office) on 7 January 2004,
- . in Strasbourg, during the Assembly Part-Session (26-30 January 2004).

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