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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 Paris on 5 November 2003 with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Armenia (co-rapporteurs: Mr André, France, EPP/CD, and Mr Jaskiernia, Poland, SOC)*: considered and unanimously approved a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia, decided to transmit it to the Armenian authorities for comment within three months, with a view to its presentation during the January 2004 part-session of the Assembly;

- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP/CD)*: held a preliminary exchange of views on the situation during and after the presidential elections held on 15 October, decided to continue the discussion at the Committee's next meeting, in the light of the Assembly observers' report prepared by Mr Goulet (France, LDR), which was not yet available. The Committee also decided to present a report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan during the January 2004 part-session of the Assembly;

- *Georgia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR, and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC)*: held an exchange of views on the parliamentary elections of 2 November and decided to present a report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia during the January 2004 part-session of the Assembly;

- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP/CD, and Mr Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL)*: took note of the draft programme of the co-rapporteurs' fact-finding visit, to be held on 10 to 14 November 2003;

- *Moldova (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC and...)*: appointed Mr Kvakkestad (Norway, EDG) as co-rapporteur;

- *Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD)*, authorised the co-rapporteurs to visit the country early in 2004 and authorised Mrs Severinsen to take part in the 2nd Ukrainian Journalists' Forum to be held in Kiev on 10 November 2003, with no costs for the Assembly;

- *External relations of the Parliamentary Assembly and its committees* : held an exchange of views and approved the content of the Chairperson's letter to the President of the Assembly of 4 November as the basis for the Committee's position for the joint meeting of the Bureau with Committee Chairpersons (Paris, 6 November 2003);

- *Liechtenstein (co-rapporteurs: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, LDR, and Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC)*: took note that the co-rapporteurs and the chairperson would address the Bureau at its meeting in Maastricht on 25 November 2003;

- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria*: authorised the Chairperson's fact-finding mission to the country on date to be arranged;

- *Council for Democratic Elections*: heard a statement by Mr van den Brande on the last meeting (Venice, 16 October 2003);

- *Next meetings*:

- . 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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