

# 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

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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 9 December 2003 with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Georgia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR, and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC)*: considered an information memorandum on the functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia and decided to postpone the adoption of a draft resolution until its meeting at the beginning of the January 2004 part-session, with a view to an Assembly debate during the same session. The Committee decided to ask the Bureau to authorize a late adoption of the draft resolution to enable the co-rapporteurs to take into account the conduct of the Presidential elections planned for 4 January;
- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP/CD)*: considered an information memorandum on the functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan and decided to adopt a draft resolution at its meeting on 7 January 2004 with a view to its presentation during the January 2004 part-session of the Assembly;
- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP/CD, and Mr Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL)*: heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs' on their fact-finding visit to the country from 10 to 14 November 2003;
- *Russia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Atkinson, United Kingdom, EDG, and Mr Bindig, Germany, SOC)*: held an exchange of views on the conduct of the parliamentary elections held on 7 December 2003;
- *Liechtenstein (co-rapporteurs: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, LDR, and Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC)*: took note of the Bureau's decision to reject the Committee's recommendation to open the monitoring procedure and to initiate instead a dialogue with Liechtenstein's authorities, provided that the Bureau's decision is ratified by the Assembly. The Committee decided to return to the matter after the Assembly's decision and to present, if Bureau decision is confirmed, concrete proposals for such a dialogue;
- *Serbia and Montenegro (co-rapporteurs: Mr Budin, Italy, SOC, and Mr Cekuolis, Lithuania, LDR)*: took note of the co-rapporteurs' decision to postpone their fact-finding mission, planned for 10-14 December, until after the Serbian parliamentary elections on 28 December 2003;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Latvia*: heard a statement by the Chairperson on her fact-finding visit to the country from 18 to 20 November 2003 and held an exchange of views thereon;
- *Next meetings*:

- . in Paris (Council of Europe Office) on 7 January 2004,
- . in Strasbourg, during the Assembly Part-Session (26-30 January 2004),
- . in Paris (Council of Europe Office) on 3 March 2004.

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