

# 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

Synopsis N° 2004/1  
8 January 2004

**The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe**, meeting in Paris on 7 January 2004 with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- took note of a letter addressed to the Chair by Mr Rogozin, Chairman of the Russian parliamentary delegation, requesting postponement of the meeting because it coincided with the eve of Orthodox Christmas, asked her to write to the President of the Assembly on this matter;
- *Armenia (co-rapporteurs: Mr André, France, EPP/CD, and Mr Jaskiernia, Poland, SOC)*: considered, amended and unanimously approved a preliminary draft resolution on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia, and asked the co-rapporteurs to present it to the January 2004 part-session of the Assembly;
- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP/CD)*: considered, amended and unanimously approved a preliminary draft resolution on the functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan, and asked the co-rapporteurs to present it to the January 2004 part-session of the Assembly;
- *Georgia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR, and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC)*: heard statements by the co-rapporteurs on the presidential election held on 4 January 2004 and confirmed its decision to present a report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia during the January 2004 part-session of the Assembly;
- *Turkey (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Delvaux-Stehres, Luxembourg, SOC, and Mr van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD)*: considered the comments presented by the Turkish authorities on the preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey;
- *Serbia and Montenegro (co-rapporteurs: Mr Budin, Italy, SOC, and Mr Cekuolis, Lithuania, LDR)*: heard statements by the co-rapporteurs on the parliamentary elections held in Serbia on 28 December 2003;
- *Russia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Atkinson, United Kingdom, EDG, and Mr Bindig, Germany, SOC)*: agreed to hear statements by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to the Far East (Khabarovsk and Vladivostok) from 26 October to 1 November 2003, and took note of their intention to return to Russia during the March 2004 presidential election and in the autumn of 2004;

- *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD), decided to propose to the Bureau a debate under urgent procedure on *the constitutional crisis in Ukraine* at the January part-session of the Assembly, and asked the Chair to address this proposal to the President of the Assembly;

- *Council for Democratic Elections*: heard a statement by Mr van den Brande on the last meeting (Venice, 11 December 2003);

- *Next meetings*:

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

Caroline Ravaud, Matjaz Gruden, Valérie Clamer

---

cc: *Secretary General of the Assembly*  
*Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly*  
*Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly*  
*Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly*

*Directors General*  
*Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe*  
*Secretary of the Committee of Ministers*  
*Director of Communication and Research*  
*Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe*