

# 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 Strasbourg on 26 January 2004 at 7.50 pm with first Mr Atkinson, senior member present, and then Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Election of the Bureau of the Committee*: re-elected Mrs Durrieu (France, SOC) Chair by acclamation, re-elected Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD) first Vice-Chair, elected Mrs Tevdoradze (Georgia, EDG) second Vice-Chair, and Mrs Severinsen (Denmark, LDR) third Vice-Chair;

continuing its meeting on 27 January 2004 at 8.30 am, with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan*: (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP/CD): took position on 66 amendments presented to the draft resolution;

- *Debate under urgent procedure on the political crisis in Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD), heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on their visit (18 – 20 January 2004), considered a draft report and, after an exchange of views, decided to modify the title of the debate under urgent procedure to *political crisis in Ukraine*;

continuing its meeting on 27 January 2004 at 2 pm, with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Armenia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr André, France, EPP/CD, and Mr Jaskiernia, Poland, SOC): took position on 12 amendments presented to the draft resolution;

- *Debate under urgent procedure on the political crisis in Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD), considered, amended and unanimously adopted, with four abstentions, a preliminary draft resolution on the political crisis in Ukraine, and asked its co-rapporteurs to present it to the January 2004 part-session of the Assembly;

continuing its meeting on 28 January 2004 at 2 pm, with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR, and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC): took position on an amendment presented to the draft resolution and approved an oral sub-amendment;

- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Latvia*: heard a statement by the Chair, took note of the Bureau's decision of 10 December 2003 to invite the Committee to appoint two co-rapporteurs in conformity with Article 3 of the terms of reference of the Monitoring Committee (Resolution 1115 (1997)), with a

view to preparing a written opinion in the light of which the Bureau would take a decision on whether to initiate a monitoring procedure, held an exchange of views and decided to continue the discussion at its next meeting on the basis of a memorandum to be prepared by the secretariat;

- *Council for Democratic Elections*: appointed Mr van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD) and Mr Kvakkestad (Norway, EDG) member and alternate to represent the committee on the Council for Democratic Elections;

continuing its meeting on 29 January 2004 at 8.30 am, with Mrs Durrieu and then Mrs Tevdoradze in the Chair:

- *Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD)*: took position on 30 amendments presented to the draft resolution;

continuing its meeting on 29 January 2004 at 2 pm, with Mr Frunda in the Chair:

- *Liechtenstein (co-rapporteurs: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, LDR, and Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC)*: took note of the decision of the Bureau of 25 November 2003, confirmed by the Assembly on 26 January 2004, to reject the proposal of the Monitoring Committee to initiate a monitoring procedure with regard to Liechtenstein and decided to start a dialogue with the authorities of Liechtenstein, heard statements by its co-rapporteurs and had an exchange of views;

- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP/CD, and Mr Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL)*: considered a draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania, and asked the co-rapporteurs to present a preliminary draft resolution at a future meeting with a view to its presentation at the April part-session of the Assembly;

- *next meeting*:

. in Paris (Council of Europe Office) on 3 March 2004.

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cc: *Secretary General of the Assembly*  
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