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Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States
of the Council of Europe (**Monitoring Committee**)
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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 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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