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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 3 March 2004 with first Mrs Durrieu and then Mrs Tevdoradze, Second Vice-Chair, in the Chair:

- Post-monitoring dialogue with Latvia:

- . heard a statement by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- . heard a statement by the Chair and a presentation of the latter's conclusions regarding the post-monitoring dialogue with Latvia;
- . took note of an information note by the secretariat on the procedural issues relating to the request for reopening the monitoring procedure regarding Latvia;
- . appointed Mr Jurgens (The Netherlands, SOC) et Mr Sasi (Finland, EPP/CD) as co-rapporteurs to prepare a draft opinion on the basis of which the Bureau will take a decision on whether or not to initiate a monitoring procedure regarding Latvia;
- . authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country in the course of March 2004 with a view to presenting a draft opinion at the next committee meeting ; and
- . independently of their mission, decided to continue the post-monitoring dialogue with Latvian authorities;

- Turkey (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Delvaux-Stehres, Luxembourg, SOC, and Mr van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD): considered, amended and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey, and asked the co-rapporteurs to present them to the April 2004 part-session of the Assembly;

- Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP/CD, and Mr Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL): considered, amended and unanimously adopted a draft resolution on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania, and asked the co-rapporteurs to present it to the April 2004 part-session of the Assembly;

- Bosnia and Herzegovina (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Shakhtakhtinskaya, Azerbaijan, EDG, and Mr Surjan, Hungary, EPP/CD): considered and approved a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina and decided to transmit it to the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina for comment within three months;

- Serbia and Montenegro (co-rapporteurs: Mr Budin, Italy, SOC, and Mr Cekuolis, Lithuania, LDR): heard a statement on the fact-finding visit by the co-rapporteurs to Belgrade and Podgorica from 17 to 19 February 2004, and authorised the co-rapporteurs to make another fact-finding visit to the country in the course of the month of April ;

- *Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD):* heard a statement by the co-rapporteur on the latest developments in Ukraine;

- *Azerbaijan: (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and Mr Martínez Casañ, Spain, EPP/CD):* authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country at a date to be defined;

- *Next meetings:*

- . in Strasbourg, during the Assembly part-session (26-30 April 2004),
- . in Budapest (European Youth Centre) on 26 May 2004.

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