

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**)

Parliamentary Assembly
Assemblée parlementaire



COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

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° 2004/122
28 October 2004

The Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe, meeting in Tbilisi on 25 and 26 October 2004 with Mrs Durrieu in the Chair:

- *Georgia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC)*: held an exchange of views with representatives of the Georgian authorities, civil society and international governmental and non-governmental organisations active in Georgia; visited several prisons and pre-trial detention facilities in Tbilisi;

- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria*: considered a memorandum presented by the Chair and decided to forward it to the Bulgarian parliamentary delegation for comments;

- *Russia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Atkinson, United Kingdom, EDG and Mr Bindig, Germany, SOC)*: examined an information note on the co-rapporteurs' visit to Ekaterinburg and Kazan (10 – 14 October 2004); took note of the rapporteurs' intention to submit a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Russia after their forthcoming visit to Moscow (1-6 November), with a view to a plenary debate during the April 2005 Part-Session of the Assembly; decided to ask the Venice Commission to prepare an opinion on the recent initiative by President Putin to reform the election system of regional governments and the Russian State Duma;

- *Moldova (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC and Mr Kvakkestad, Norway, EDG)*: considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs and authorised them to make a fact-finding visit to the country in December next or in January 2005;

- *Next meetings*:

- . in Paris (Council of Europe Office) on 15 December 2004.
- . in Strasbourg, during the Assembly part-session (24-28 January 2005).

Caroline Ravaud, Matjaz Gruden, David Čupina

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