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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 Wednesday 16 March 2005 with Mr György Frunda in the Chair:

- *Russian Federation (co-rapporteurs: Mr David Atkinson, United Kingdom, EDG, and Mr Rudolf Bindig, Germany, SOC)*: exchanged views on the procedure to be followed in the preparation of the report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation with a view to an Assembly debate if possible during the June 2005 part-session, or, alternatively, during the October 2005 part-session, and decided:

- to examine the comments by the Russian delegation, received in Russian on the day of the meeting, at one of its meeting during the April 2005 part-session in Strasbourg;

- to adopt a draft resolution on the occasion of its meeting in Budapest on 19 May or, alternatively, at a meeting in June;

- *Post monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria (rapporteur: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD)*: heard statements by the Chairman and members of the Bulgarian delegation, authorised the Chairperson to visit the country in September 2005 and decided to return to this issue at one of its meetings during the October 2005 part-session;

- *Post monitoring dialogue with Latvia (rapporteur: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD)*: heard statements by the Chairman and members of the Latvian delegation and authorised the Chairperson to visit the country ;

- *Opinion on initiation of a monitoring procedure and post-monitoring dialogue (rapporteur: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD)*; examined and approved a written opinion and the amendments contained therein to the draft resolution of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, and authorised Mrs Hanne Severinsen to present the opinion on behalf of the rapporteur during the debate at the Standing Committee on 18 March 2005 in Paris;

- *Moldova (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Josette Durrieu, France, SOC and Mr André Kvakkestad, Norway, EDG)*: heard statements by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit (30 January-3 February 2005) and on the conduct and the outcome of the parliamentary elections of 6 March 2005 and authorised a new fact-finding visit to the country;

- *Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC and Mr Andres Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD)*: heard a statement on their fact-finding visit (9-13 February 2005) and authorised a new fact finding visit in April 2005;

- *Albania (co-rapporteurs: Mr Soeren Soendergaard, Denmark, UEL and Mr Jerzy Smorawiński, Poland, EPP/CD)*: heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on their recent fact-finding visit (1-4 March 2005), decided to send the information note on this visit to the Bureau with a view to provide a basis for the work of the Assembly's pre-electoral and observer missions for the parliamentary elections expected to take place in early July 2005, and took note of the resignation of Mr Soendergaard from his post of co-rapporteur because of his departure from the Assembly;

- *Monaco (co-rapporteurs...)*: appointed Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD and Mr Leonid Slutsky, Russian Federation, SOC, as co-rapporteurs for the monitoring of obligations and commitments by Monaco;

- *Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau for a dialogue with Liechtenstein*: appointed Mr Marcel Glesener, Luxembourg, EPP/CD, to replace Mr Luc Van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD, as one of the two Monitoring Committee's representatives on the Ad hoc Committee;

- *Serbia and Montenegro (co-rapporteurs: Mr Milos Budin, Italy, SOC and Mr Jonas Cekuolis, Lithuania, LDR)*: authorised the co-rapporteurs to visit the country in the second half of April 2005;

- *Other business*:

- accepted the invitation by the Azerbaijan delegation to hold a meeting in Baku on 5 July 2005 in the framework of the parliamentary dialogue with parliaments in the South Caucasus, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;

- accepted the invitation by the Turkish delegation to hold an annual ticket meeting in Antalya on 7 and 8 September 2005, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;

- *Next meetings*:

- in Strasbourg, during the Assembly part session (25-29 April 2005)

- in Budapest, on 19 May 2005

- in Strasbourg, during the Assembly part-session (20-24 June 2005)

- in Baku, on 5 July 2005 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau)

- in Antalya, on 7 and 8 September 2005 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau)

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