

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 OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (MONITORING COMMITTEE)

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 Budapest on 19 May 2005 with Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Russia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Atkinson, United Kingdom, EDG and Mr Bindig, Germany, SOC): considered a revised preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation and instructed the co-rapporteurs to finalise a preliminary draft resolution and a preliminary draft recommendation and to distribute them at least one week before their examination by the Committee on 1 June 2005;
- *Serbia and Montenegro* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Budin, Italy, SOC and Mr Čekuolis, Lithuania, LDR): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit (17-20 April 2005), decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the existing legislation in Montenegro concerning the organisation of referendums and authorised another visit to the country in September or October 2005, with a view to prepare a new report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Serbia and Montenegro for the January 2006 part-session;
- *Azerbaijan* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC and M. Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on the need to present a report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan, decided to examine a preliminary draft resolution at its next meeting on 1 June 2005, and decided to propose that the report be presented to the Assembly at the June 2005 part-session;
- *Monaco* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD and Mr Slutsky, Russia, EDG): authorised the co-rapporteurs to carry out a fact-finding visit in the country (*exact date to be determined*);
- *Third Summit*: considered the final declaration and the action plan and held an exchange of views on possible consequences for the work of the Committee;

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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

- *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (Co-rapporteurs: Mrs Shakhtakhtinskaya, Azerbaijan, EDG and Mr Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD): authorised the co-rapporteurs to carry out a fact-finding visit in the country (*exact date to be determined*);
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - *Paris*, on 1 June 2005 **at 9 am**
 - *Strasbourg*, during the Assembly part-session (20-24 June 2005)
 - *Baku*, on 5 July 2005
 - *Antalya*, on 7 and 8 September 2005

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