

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 Paris on 23 November 2005 with Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Post-Monitoring dialogue with Slovakia* (Rapporteur: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, ALDE): considered a memorandum submitted by the Rapporteur and decided to close the post-monitoring dialogue;
- *Post-Monitoring dialogue with Latvia* (Rapporteur: Mr Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD): considered a memorandum submitted by the Rapporteur, decided to close the post-monitoring dialogue and to prepare a revised memorandum for the next Committee meeting;
- *Azerbaijan* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC and Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the observation of the parliamentary elections held on 6 November 2005 in Azerbaijan and authorised its co-rapporteurs to conduct a fact-finding mission before the end of the year 2005;
- *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD and Mrs Shakhhtinskaya, Azerbaijan, EDG): heard a statement by Mr Sasi on his visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina (16-20 October 2005);
- *Russia*: heard a statement by the Chair on his visit to Moscow (14-16 November 2005) as regards Russia's progress towards the ratification of Protocol No. 6 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;

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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

- *Committee's priorities for 2006*: considered a letter from the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, and held an exchange of views on the work programme and the Committee's priorities for 2006;
- *Council for Democratic Elections* (Committee Representative: Mr van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD): heard a statement on the meeting held in Venice on 20 October 2005 and appointed Mr Zingeris (Lithuania, EDG) as a substitute to replace Mr Kvakkestad;
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - *Paris*, on 15 December 2005
 - *Strasbourg*, during the 1st part of the 2006 session (23-27 January 2006)
 - *Paris*, on 8 March 2006
 - *Strasbourg*, during the 2nd part of the 2006 session (10-13 April 2006)

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