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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 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 Strasbourg on 23, 24 and 25 January 2006 with first Mr Jurgens (Netherlands, SOC), senior member present and then Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Composition of the Committee's Bureau:*
 - re-elected Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation;
 - re-elected Mrs Severinsen (Denmark, ALDE) First Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
 - elected Mr Elo (Finland, SOC) Second Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
 - elected Mr Torosyan (Armenia, EDG) Third Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- *Challenge of still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Azerbaijan on substantial grounds:* appointed Mr Lloyd (United Kingdom, SOC) as rapporteur, approved a report, amended and adopted a draft resolution and took a position on proposed amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Georgia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, ALDE and Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC): considered amendments to the draft resolution on the Implementation of Resolution 1415 (2005) on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia;
- *Armenia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD and NN...): adopted a declaration on the constitutional referendum held on 27 November 2005;
- *Ukraine* (Co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, ALDE and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with Mr Serhiy Holovaty, Minister of Justice, and adopted a declaration on the unacceptable delay for the renewal of the composition of the Constitutional Court in Ukraine;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Latvia:* took note of the information on the meeting of the Bureau on 9 January 2006 on the Post-Monitoring Dialogue with Latvia and decided to put the item back for discussion on the agenda at the next meeting;

cc: *Secretary General of the Assembly*
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
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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
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- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed Mr Wilshire (United Kingdom, EDG) as the co-rapporteur on Albania, Mr Elo (Finland, SOC) as the co-rapporteur on Armenia, Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) as the co-rapporteur on Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) as the co-rapporteur on Moldova and Mr Van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD) and Mr Pangalos (Greece, SOC) as the co-rapporteurs on Russia; postponed the appointment of the co-rapporteur on Serbia and Montenegro to the next meeting;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised the co-rapporteurs on Albania, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Russia to make fact-finding visits to their respective countries as well as the Chair of the committee to make a fact-finding visit to Bulgaria and to "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia";
- *Appointment of a member and alternate to the Council for Democratic Elections*: reappointed Mr van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD) as member and Mr Zingeris (Lithuania, EDG) as his alternate.
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - *Paris*, 8 March 2006
 - *Strasbourg*, during the 2nd part of the 2006 session (10-13 April 2006)
 - *Budapest*, 19 May 2006 (*to be confirmed and subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)

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