

# 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 8 March 2006 with Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Ukraine* (Co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, ALDE and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD): took note of an information note of the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Kyiv (13-16 February 2006) and of comments by the President of the Verkhovna Rada on the Committee's declaration regarding the composition of the Constitutional Court;
- *Azerbaijan*: held an exchange of views with the Delegation of Azerbaijan on the follow-up to Resolution 1480 (2006) on the challenge of still unratified credentials of the parliamentary Delegation of Azerbaijan on substantial grounds;
- *Rapporteur Group on Democracy (GR-DEM) of the Committee of Ministers*: held an exchange of views with Ambassador Stephen HOWARTH, Chairman of the GR-DEM;
- *Recent decisions by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning monitoring and post-monitoring dialogue procedures*: held an exchange of views on procedural matters regarding the post-monitoring dialogue with Latvia, the issue of the freedom of the media in Russia, as well as the application to initiate a monitoring procedure concerning the monopolisation of the electronic media and the possible abuse of power in Italy;
- *Preparation of the Committee's Progress report*: appointed Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD) rapporteur and decided to revert to this issue at one of its next meetings;
- *Proposals for the Assembly's priorities in 2006*: held an exchange of views and decided that the Committee's Chairman writes a letter to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly proposing amendments to the Bureau's document on the Assembly priorities for 2006 (AS/Bur(2006)26);

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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  
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- *Relations with the European Parliament*: took note that Mr Kirilov and Mr Severin participated in a public hearing on "Promoting Stability and Democratization in Our Neighbourhood: What Role for the EU in the South Caucasus?" organised by the European Parliament (22 February 2006);
- *Declassification of comments by national delegations*: decided that the comments made by national delegations to the preliminary draft reports prepared by the Committee are considered public once the Assembly has debated the relevant report, unless the delegation concerned explicitly objects to such a declassification;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised the co-rapporteurs on Moldova to go to Ukraine in the framework of the fact-finding visit to Moldova, including Transnistria, and authorised the co-rapporteurs on Azerbaijan, Monaco and Serbia and Montenegro to make fact-finding visits to their respective countries;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed Mr Goerens (Luxembourg, ALDE) co-rapporteur on Serbia and Montenegro;
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - *Strasbourg*, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the 2006 session (10-13 April 2006)
  - *Budapest*, 19 May 2006 (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)
  - *Paris*, 8 June 2006

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