

# 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**)

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## 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)

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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 3, 4 and 5 October 2006 with first Mrs Severinsen (Denmark, ALDE) and then Mr Lintner (Germany, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Post-Monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria* (Rapporteur: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, ALDE): considered an information note of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson following her fact-finding visit to Bulgaria (31 May – 3 June 2006) and decided to make this document public;
- *Ukraine* (Co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, ALDE and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD): heard information on recent developments following the parliamentary elections of 26 March 2006 and prepared the fact-finding visit (8-12 October 2006);
- *Armenia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD and Mr Elo, Finland, SOC): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Armenia (26-28 September 2006);
- *Albania* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL and Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG): considered the comments of the Albanian parliamentary delegation to the preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania;
- *Bureau's call on the Slovak Government to intensify the fight against hate speech*: held an exchange of views with the Slovak Delegation;
- *Azerbaijan* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD and Mr Lloyd, United Kingdom, SOC): held an exchange of views with the Azerbaijani parliamentary delegation and prepared the fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan (30 October – 3 November 2006);
- *Liechtenstein*: took note of the report by the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly on the Dialogue with the Parliament of Liechtenstein and decided to revert to this issue at one of its next meetings;

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly  
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Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly  
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- *Request for accession to the Council of Europe from the Republic of Montenegro*: appointed Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) rapporteur for opinion;
- *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Çavuşoğlu, Turkey, EDG and Mr Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD): heard a statement on the observation of the elections of 1 October 2006;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised the co-rapporteurs on Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia and Serbia to make fact-finding visits to their respective countries;
- *Current tensions between Russia and Georgia*: held an exchange of views and decided to revert to this issue during its meeting in Yerevan;
- *Communication from the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly*: decided to hold an exchange of views during its meeting in Yerevan on the Communication made by Mr Lavrov, Chairman-in-Office of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation;
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings:
  - in Yerevan (Armenia), on 16 October 2006,
  - in Paris, on 12 December 2006.

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