

# 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 Yerevan on 16 October 2006 with Mr Lintner (Germany, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Monaco* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD and Mr Slutsky, Russia, SOC): considered and approved a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Monaco and decided to transmit it to the authorities of Monaco for comment within three months;
- *Communication from the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly*: postponed the exchange of views on the Communication made during the 4th part-session by Mr Lavrov, Chairman-in-Office of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, and instructed the Secretariat to provide the Committee with a translated transcript of the oral replies given by Mr Lavrov to questions concerning countries under monitoring procedure;
- *Current tensions between Russia and Georgia*: held an exchange of views and authorised Mr Van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD), co-rapporteur on Russia, and Mr Eörsi (Hungary, ALDE), co-rapporteur on Georgia to conduct jointly a fact-finding visit in both countries as soon as possible and to report back to the Committee at its next meeting on 12 December 2006;
- *Application to initiate a monitoring procedure to investigate electoral fraud in the United Kingdom*: appointed Mrs Däubler-Gmelin (Germany, SOC) and Mrs Gacek (Poland, EPP/CD) co-rapporteurs;
- *Requests for opinion to be addressed to the Venice Commission*: decided to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on the new constitution in Serbia and on the law of Georgia on Disciplinary Responsibility and Disciplinary Prosecution of Judges of Common Courts;

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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*

- *Annual progress report*: mandated the President to present, during its meeting on 12 December 2006, an outline for a report with a view to contributing to the Report on the State of Human Rights and Democracy in Europe;
- *Armenia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD and Mr Elo, Finland, SOC): held exchanges of views with:
  - Mr Davit HAROUTIUNYAN, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia
  - Mr Vartan OSKANIAN, Foreign Affairs Minister of the Republic of Armenia
  - Mr Tigran TOROSYAN, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia, Head of the PACE Armenian delegation
  - Mr Armen HAROUTIUNYAN, Ombudsman of the Republic of Armenia
  - PACE Armenian delegation and representatives of the "Rule of Law" faction of the National Assembly
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings:
  - in Paris, on 12 December 2006;
  - in Strasbourg during the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the 2007 session (22-26 January 2007).

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