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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 Paris on 13 December 2006 with Mr Lintner (Germany, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Armenia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD and Mr Elo, Finland, SOC): approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia;
- *Albania* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL and Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG): approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania;
- *Azerbaijan* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD and Mr Lloyd, United Kingdom, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan and decided to transmit it to the authorities of Azerbaijan for comments within a maximum of three months;
- *Moldova* (Co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit in Moldova (12-15 November 2006) and authorised a further fact-finding visit to the country at a date to be determined in January 2007;
- *Current tensions between Russia and Georgia*: considered an Information note of Mr Van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD), co-rapporteur on Russia, and Mr Eörsi (Hungary, ALDE), co-rapporteur on Georgia, on their fact-finding visit to Georgia (20-22 November 2006) and to Russia (28-30 November 2006) and decided to request the holding of a debate under urgent procedure during the 1st part of the 2007 Session;

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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

- in this context, accepted the proposal to organise a joint meeting with the Political Affairs Committee with a balanced participation of representatives of the Georgian regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia and instructed its Chairman to contact the Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee in order to discuss the modalities of such a meeting;
- *Montenegro* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine ALDE): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit in Montenegro (29 November-1 December 2006) and took note of the decision of the Political Affairs Committee to authorise its Rapporteur to hold a meeting with the rapporteurs for opinion at a date to be determined;
- *Ukraine* (Co-rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, ALDE and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit in Ukraine (9-12 October 2006);
- *Application to initiate a monitoring procedure to investigate electoral fraud in the United Kingdom* (Co-rapporteurs: Mrs Däubler-Gmelin, Germany, SOC and Mrs Gacek, Poland, EPP/CD): authorised the co-rapporteurs to conduct a fact-finding visit in the United Kingdom at the end of February 2007;
- *State of Human Rights and Democracy in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Lintner, Germany, EPP/CD): approved an outline for a report on the contribution of the Monitoring Committee;
- *Follow-up of the replies given by the Committee of Ministers to Assembly recommendations tabled by the Monitoring Committee*: took note of an information document prepared by the Secretariat;
- *invitations by the delegations of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and of Ireland*: took note of the proposals made by the Chairman and decided to revert to this item at its next meeting, after consulting the delegations concerned as to possible dates;
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the 1st part of the 2007 session (22-26 January 2007).

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