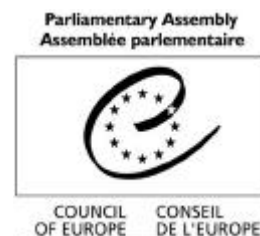


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Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (**Monitoring Committee**)
Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (**Commission de suivi**)



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)

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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 28 March 2007 with Mr Lintner (Germany, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Azerbaijan* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD and Mr Lloyd, United Kingdom, SOC): approved a report, amended and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- *Progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure* (Rapporteur: Mr Lintner, Germany, EPP/CD): approved a report, amended and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- *Monaco* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD and Mr Slutsky, Russia, SOC): held an exchange of views on the preliminary draft report and the comments by the Monegasque authorities; since the committee was not in a position to adopt a draft resolution, it requested the Bureau of the Assembly to remove the debate on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Monaco, scheduled on 19 April 2007, from the draft order of business of the second part of the 2007 Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly and agreed to present its report at the third part of the 2007 Ordinary Session (June 2007);
- *Request for accession to the Council of Europe from the Republic of Montenegro* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): approved an opinion;
- *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): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom (26-28 February 2007) and decided to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on a number of issues to be determined at its next meeting;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"* (Rapporteur: Mr Lintner, Germany, EPP/CD): considered an information note of the Chairman following his fact-finding visit to "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (15-17 January 2007) and decided to make this document public;

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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

- *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 to Ukraine (27 February – 5 March 2007);
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria* (Rapporteur: Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, ALDE): decided to postpone to its next meeting the consideration of comments by the Bulgarian parliamentary delegation on the Information note on the post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria;
- *Albania* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL and Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG): decided to postpone to its next meeting the statement by the co-rapporteurs on the local elections (18 February 2007);
- *Application to initiate a monitoring procedure on the monopolisation of the electronic media and the possible abuse of power in Italy* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Breen, Ireland, EPP/CD and Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC): authorised the co-rapporteurs to conduct a fact-finding visit to the country on dates to be agreed in consultation with the Italian parliamentary delegation;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised the co-rapporteurs on Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia and Serbia to make fact-finding visits to their respective countries on dates to be agreed in consultation with the parliamentary delegations concerned;
- *Appointment of members to the Ad Hoc committee of the Bureau on the Forum for Democracy, [Stockholm/Sigtuna (Sweden), 13-15 June 2007]*: appointed Mr Jurgens (Netherlands, SOC) and Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD);
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - in Strasbourg during the 2nd part of the 2007 session (16-20 April 2007),
 - in Skopje on 15-16 May 2007,
 - in Paris on 7 June 2007 (*to be confirmed*)

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