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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
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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 from 16 to 19 April 2007 with Mr Lintner (Germany, EPP/CD), Mrs Severinsen (Denmark, ALDE) and Mr Pangalos (Greece, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Azerbaijan* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD and Mr Lloyd, United Kingdom, SOC): took position on proposed amendments to the draft resolution on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan;
- *Functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine*: appointed Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, ALDE and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD, rapporteurs for a debate under urgent procedure, approved a draft report, amended and adopted a draft resolution, and took position on proposed amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure* (Rapporteur: Mr Lintner, Germany, EPP/CD): took position on proposed amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Armenia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD and NN...): appointed Mr Mimica, Croatia, SOC as co-rapporteur;
- *Georgia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, ALDE and NN...): appointed Mr Islami, Albania, SOC as co-rapporteur;
- *Albania* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL and Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on the local elections in Albania (18 February 2007);
- *Non-ratification by the Russian Federation of Protocol No.14 to the European Convention on Human Rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Lintner, Germany, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the chairman on his visit to the Russian Federation (2-3 April 2007);

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
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- *Russian Federation* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD and Mr Pangalos, Greece, SOC): heard a statement by Mr van den Brande on the fact-finding visit of the co-rapporteurs to Novosibirsk and Moscow (26-29 March 2007), held an exchange of views, and decided to propose to the bureau to include in the draft order of business for its forthcoming part-session in June 2007 a report on the functioning of democratic institutions in the Russian Federation;
- *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): agreed on a list of questions to be put to the Venice Commission;
- *Election*: unanimously elected Mrs Batet Lamaña, Spain, SOC, 2nd Vice-Chairperson of the Committee (replacing Mr Elo who has left the Assembly);
- accepted the invitation by the Chairman to hold a hearing on frozen conflicts in Berlin from 11 to 13 November 2007 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau);
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - in Skopje on 15-16 May 2007,
 - in Paris on 7 June 2007,
 - in Strasbourg during the 3rd part of the 2007 session (25-29 June 2007).

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