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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 22 and 24 January 2008 with first Mr Glesener (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Composition of the Committee's Bureau:*
 - elected Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) Chairperson by acclamation;
 - elected Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD) First Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
 - elected Mr Kosachev (Russia, EDG) Second Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
 - elected Mr Slutsky (Russia, SOC) Third Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- *Georgia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, ALDE and Mr Islami, Albania, SOC): considered a revised report, unanimously adopted a draft resolution on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia and took position on amendments tabled;
- *Application to initiate a monitoring procedure to investigate electoral fraud in the United Kingdom* (Co-rapporteurs: Ms Däubler-Gmelin, Germany, SOC and Ms Gacek, Poland, EPP/CD): approved an opinion, unanimously adopted a draft decision proposing not to open a monitoring procedure, submitted it to the Bureau and declassified it;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"* (Rapporteur: Mr Lintner, Germany, EPP/CD): approved a revised memorandum, submitted it to the Bureau for information and declassified it;
- *Ukraine*: held an exchange of views on the fact-finding visit by the co-rapporteurs, Ms Severinsen (Denmark, ALDE) and Ms Wohlwend (Liechtenstein, EPP/CD), and appointed Ms Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger (Germany, ALDE) as co-rapporteur to replace Ms Severinsen;
- *Armenia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD, and Mr Mimica, Croatia, SOC): held an exchange of views with the parliamentary delegation on the preparation of the Presidential election;
- *Azerbaijan* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD, and Mrs Jivkova, Bulgaria, SOC): held an exchange of views with the parliamentary delegation on the preparation of the forthcoming fact-finding visit by the co-rapporteurs from 4 to 8 February 2008;
- *Serbia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Goerens, Luxembourg, ALDE, and Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC): postponed the item to the next meeting;

- *Council for Democratic Elections*: re-appointed Mr Van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD) to represent the Committee in the Council;
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 18 March 2007.

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