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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 Paris on 18 March 2008, with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Serbia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Goerens and Mr Gross): held an exchange of views with the members of the Serbian delegation and took note of the comments submitted by the delegation on the preliminary draft report; took note of the decision of the Bureau to postpone the debate on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia until after the parliamentary elections of 11 May 2008 and declassified the draft report prepared by the co-rapporteurs and instructed them to update the report in the light of forthcoming developments;
- *Armenia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier and Mr Prescott): heard a statement by the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Observation of the Presidential election in Armenia, Mr John Prescott, and appointed Mr John Prescott co-rapporteur on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia to replace Mr Neven Mimica; was informed that all political groups leaders, acting on behalf of their groups, had requested that a debate under urgent procedure on the functioning of democratic institutions in Armenia be held during the April 2008 part-session of the Assembly and adopted a statement on the continuing arrests in Armenia;
- *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Çavușoğlu and Mr Sasi): approved a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina and decided to transmit it to the BiH delegation for possible comments within a maximum of 3 months;
- *Ukraine* (Co-rapporteurs: Ms Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger and Ms Wohlwend): took note of the information note prepared by Ms Severinsen (former rapporteur) and Mrs Wohlwend on their visit to Ukraine (14-16 January 2008) and declassified it;
- *Azerbaijan* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel and Ms Jivkova): took note of the information note prepared by the co-rapporteurs on their visit to Azerbaijan (4-7 February), declassified it and decided to request that a debate on the functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan be held during the June 2008 part-session of the Assembly;
- *Russian Federation* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Van den Brande and Mr Pangalos): held an exchange of views on the observation of the presidential elections;
- *Monaco* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Agramunt and Mr Slutsky): held an exchange of views on the observation of the parliamentary elections;

- *Functioning of democratic institutions: progress report* (Rapporteur: Mr Holovaty): approved the outline of the report on the functioning of democratic institutions proposed by the chair and asked him to prepare a draft report for one of its next meetings;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised fact-finding visits of the co-rapporteurs to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Russia and Serbia;
- *Council for Democratic Elections*: heard a statement by Mr Luc Van den Brande and postponed the appointment of an alternate member of the Committee in the Council for Democratic Elections to its next meeting;
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - in Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the 2008 Assembly Plenary Session (14-18 April 2008),
 - in Paris, on 27 May 2008 (to be confirmed).

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