

Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire

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 Strasbourg on 15, 16 and 17 April 2008 with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Armenia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD and Mr Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC): considered a report for a debate under urgent procedure, unanimously adopted a draft resolution on the functioning of democratic institutions in Armenia and took position on tabled amendments to the draft resolution ;
- *Georgia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, ALDE and Mr Islami, Albania, SOC): took note of the information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Georgia (26-27 March 2008) and decided to declassify it;
- *Moldova* (Co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): heard information from the Moldovan delegation on recent legislative developments on the electoral threshold and double citizenship issues;
- *Group of States against corruption (GRECO)*: held an exchange of views with Mr Drago Kos, President of the GRECO, in particular as regards financing of political parties, in the context of its progress report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Europe;
- *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Çavuşoğlu, Turkey, EDG and Mr Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with the national delegation on the preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- *Post monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria* (Rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE) : took note of the opinion of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) on the Constitution of Bulgaria, prepared upon the request of the committee;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised fact-finding visits of the co-rapporteurs to Monaco, Montenegro and Armenia ;
- *Council for Democratic Elections*: appointed Mr Wilshire (United Kingdom, EDG) as the Committee's alternate representative in the Council;
- *Hearing on Frozen Conflicts*: took note of the provisional proceedings on the Hearing (Berlin, 5-6 November 2007) and requested members to send their remarks, if any, to the secretariat before the next meeting ;

– *Next meeting* : accepted an invitation from the President of the Verkhovna Rada to meet in Kyiv, Ukraine, on 26-27 May 2008 (subject to authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly).

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