

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 Kyiv (Ukraine) on 26 and 27 May 2008, with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

- held exchanges of views with:

Mr Arseniy Yatseniuk, Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada
Mr Mykola Onishchuk, Minister of Justice
Mr Andriy Honcharuk, Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the President of Ukraine
Mr Oleksandr Lavrynovych and Mr Vadym Kolesnichenko - Party of Regions
Mr Petro Symonenko - Communist Party
Mr Serhiy Hrynevetskyi - Lytvyn's Bloc
Mr Ivan Kyrylenko - faction of "Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc"
Mr Roman Zvorych - faction of the Bloc "Our Ukraine" - National Self-Defence

as regards:

- *Functioning of democratic institutions and progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure* (Rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): considered a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to an Assembly debate during the June 2008 part-session;

- *Azerbaijan* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD and Ms Jivkova, Bulgaria, SOC): considered a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution on *the functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan*, with a view to an Assembly debate during the June 2008 part-session;

- *Armenia* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD and Mr Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC): held an exchange of views on the situation in Armenia and the implementation of Resolution 1609 (2008) and instructed its Chairman to ask, on its behalf, for a debate to be held under urgent procedure on *the functioning of democratic institutions in Armenia* during the June 2008 part-session of the Assembly if the co-rapporteurs, following their next visit to Armenia on 16 and 17 June 2008, conclude that insufficient progress has been achieved by then;

- *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Çavuşoğlu, Turkey, EDG and Mr Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD): heard a statement by Mr Sasi and decided to ask for the Assembly debate on *the honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina* to be postponed to the 4th part of the 2008 Assembly Plenary Session (29 September – 3 October 2008), upon the request of the co-rapporteurs and the parliamentary delegation of the country;

- *Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): took note of the letter sent by Mr Cosarciuc, member of the parliamentary delegation of Moldova, to the Chairman and the co-rapporteurs and decided to hold an exchange of views with the Moldovan delegation at its meeting during the June 2008 part-session of the Assembly;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: confirmed a fact-finding visit of the co-rapporteurs to Armenia on 16 -17 June 2008;
- *Next meeting*: decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the 3rd part of the 2008 Assembly Plenary Session (23-27 June 2008).

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