

# 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)

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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 23, 24, 25 and 26 June 2008, with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Implementation by Armenia of Assembly Resolution 1609 (2008)* (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 and took position on tabled amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey: recent developments* (rapporteur: Mr Van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD): appointed Mr Van den Brande, rapporteur, considered a report for a debate under urgent procedure, unanimously adopted a draft resolution and took position on tabled amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD and Mrs Jivkova, Bulgaria, SOC): took position on tabled amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Functioning of democratic institutions in Europe and progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure* (rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): took position on tabled amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation;
- *Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with the Moldovan parliamentary delegation on recent legislative developments regarding the electoral threshold and double citizenship issues;
- *Russian Federation* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD and Mr Pangalos, Greece, SOC): took note of the information note by the co-rapporteurs on their recent visit to Moscow on 20-23 April 2008;
- *Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG and Mr Laakso, Finland, UEL): decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the constitutional amendments adopted on 21 April 2008;
- *Post monitoring dialogue with "the former Yugoslav Republic Macedonia"*: postponed the discussion on this item to one of its future meetings;

- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised fact-finding visits of the co-rapporteurs to Moldova, Montenegro and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”;
- *Next meeting* : decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 11 September 2008.

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cc: *Secretary General of the Assembly*  
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