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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 11 September 2008, with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

– held an exchange of views with Mr Thomas Hammarberg, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, on the implementation of Resolutions 1609 (2008) and 1620 (2008) regarding Armenia and on his recent missions to Georgia and the Russian Federation (22-29 August 2008);

– *Georgia – Russia conflict*: took note of the proposal of the Bureau to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the “Consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia” and to seize the Monitoring Committee for report and the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population for opinion ; appointed Mr Van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD) and Mr Eörsi (Hungary, ALDE) co-rapporteurs for the report to be prepared for debate under urgent procedure during the Autumn 2008 part-session (subject to ratification by the Assembly of the proposed debate under urgent procedure) and held an exchange of views;

- *Serbia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Goerens, Luxembourg, ALDE, and Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC)*: considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia with a view to an Assembly debate during the Autumn 2008 part-session;

- *Bosnia and Herzegovina (co-rapporteurs: Mr Çavuşoğlu, Turkey, EDG, and Mr Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD)*: considered comments by the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Parliamentary Assembly on the preliminary draft report, considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina with a view to an Assembly debate during the Autumn 2008 part-session;

- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey (rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE)*: heard a statement by the rapporteur, decided to ask the Venice Commission to review the relevant constitutional and legal provisions on the prohibition of political parties in Turkey and authorised the rapporteur to make his next fact-finding visit to the country on 27-28 October 2008;

– *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised fact-finding visits of the Chairman to Bulgaria (5-6 November 2008) and to “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (3-5 November 2008) and of the co-rapporteurs to Ukraine (November 2008);

– *Next meeting:* decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the Autumn 2008 part-session of the Assembly (29 September – 3 October 2008).

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