

# 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 Paris on 19 November 2008, in the presence of the President of the Assembly, Mr Luís Maria de Puig, and with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Implementation of Resolution 1633 (2008) on “the consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia”*: appointed Mr Van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD, and Mr Eörsi, Hungary, ALDE, as co-rapporteurs, with a view to the debate scheduled for the January 2009 part-session of the Assembly, and held an exchange of views with the President of the Assembly;
- *Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG, and Mr Laakso, Finland, UEL): examined an information note by the co-rapporteurs, held an exchange of views and declassified the information note;
- *Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Ms Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): examined an information note by the co-rapporteurs, held an exchange of views and declassified the information note;
- *Monaco* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD, and Mr Slutsky, Russia, SOC): examined an information note by the co-rapporteurs, held an exchange of views and declassified the information note;
- *“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”* (rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): examined an information note by the rapporteur, held an exchange of views and declassified the information note; decided to ask the Venice Commission to appraise the Electoral Code in the light of the recently adopted amendments, and instructed the Secretariat of the Assembly to prepare a legal appraisal of the new Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, within the framework of the parliamentary co-operation programme; decided to propose to the Bureau that the Assembly observe the forthcoming presidential elections (29 March 2009), subject to receipt of an invitation, and considered it important that the Council of Europe develop a pre-electoral co-operation programme;
- *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD, and Ms Jivkova, Bulgaria, SOC): held an exchange of views following the presidential elections;
- *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Ms Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, Germany, ALDE, and Ms Wohlwend, Luxemburg, EPP/CD): postponed the discussion on this item to its next meeting;
- *Bulgaria* (rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): postponed the discussion on this item to its next meeting;

- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised fact-finding visits to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Monaco, Montenegro, Russia and Serbia.
- *Next meeting*: decided to hold its next meeting in Paris, on 17 December 2008.

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