



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 5 June 2009, with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Monaco* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD, and Mr Slutsky, Russia, SOC): examined the comments sent by the Monegasque government and by the political parties represented within the Monegasque National Council on the preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Monaco, declassified both the preliminary draft report and the comments and authorised a fact-finding visit by the co-rapporteurs to Monaco;
- *Progress report: the state of human rights in Europe and the progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure* (rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): considered a draft report and addendum and unanimously adopted a draft resolution; took note of the fact that some delegations might wish to submit additional comments to be published as an appendix, in time for the debate during the June part-session;
- *Armenia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD, and Mr Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report and decided to adopt a draft resolution on the functioning of democratic institutions in Armenia at the beginning of the June part-session, following the fact-finding visit by the co-rapporteurs to Yerevan on 16 and 17 June 2009; decided to have an exchange of views with representatives of the opposition, including from the Armenian National Congress, at the beginning of its meeting during the June part-session;
- *Functioning of democratic institutions in Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on the progress made by the Moldovan authorities in the implementation of Resolution 1666 (2009) and decided to return to this subject at its next meeting, following the fact-finding visit by the co-rapporteurs to Chisinau on 9-10 June 2009;
- *Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG and Mr Laakso, Finland, UEL): decided to postpone to its next meeting the consideration of the comments sent by the Albanian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly on the preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania and declassified both the draft report and the comments;
- *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Ms Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, Germany, ALDE, and Ms Wohlwend, Luxembourg, EPP/CD): decided to postpone to its next meeting the consideration of an information note on the fact-finding visit to Kyiv from 5 to 8 April 2009 and decided to declassify it;
- *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD, and Ms Jivkova, Bulgaria, SOC): considered an information note on the fact-finding visit to Baku from 8 to 10 April 2009 and decided to declassify it;

- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits:* authorised the Chair of the Monitoring Committee, Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE), to attend the 79th Plenary Session of the Venice Commission from 12 to 13 June 2009, as well as fact-finding visits by the co-rapporteurs to Georgia, Monaco and Serbia;
- *Next meeting:* decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the June 2009 part-session of the Assembly (22-26 June).

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