



.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 22, 23 and 24 June 2009, with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *The functioning of democratic institutions in Armenia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD, and Mr Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC): held an exchange of views with representatives of the opposition, considered and approved a draft report, unanimously adopted a draft resolution and took position on tabled amendments to the draft resolution;
- *The functioning of democratic institutions in Moldova: follow-up to Resolution 1666 (2009)* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Chisinau on 10 June 2009, decided to declassify it and held an exchange of views with representatives of the parliamentary opposition;
- *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD, and Ms Jivkova, Bulgaria, SOC): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on recent developments in Azerbaijan and decided to declassify it; urged the Parliament of Azerbaijan to seize the Venice Commission for an opinion on a package of amendments to the legislation on NGOs prior to their adoption, as well as for an opinion on the amendments on the Law on Freedom of Religion adopted in May 2009, in line with the spirit of co-operation with the Venice Commission set forth in the decree of the President of Azerbaijan of 3rd April 2009; instructed its Chairman to send a letter to the Speaker of the Parliament of Azerbaijan informing him of the above-mentioned decision;
- *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Ms Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, Germany, ALDE, and Ms Wohlwend, Luxembourg, EPP/CD): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Kyiv from 5 to 8 April 2009 (already declassified) and adopted a statement;
- *Serbia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Goerens, Luxembourg, ALDE, and Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by Mr Gross on his fact-finding visit to Belgrade on 12 June 2009;
- *Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG and Mr Laakso, Finland, UEL): decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- *The state of human rights in Europe and the progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure* (rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): took position on tabled amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Next meeting*: decided to hold its next meeting in Paris, on 9 September 2009.

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