



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 28, 29, 30 September and 1 October 2009, with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Reconsideration on substantive grounds of previously ratified credentials of the Russian delegation (Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly)* : appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) rapporteur, held an exchange of views with the members of the Committee, examined the draft report, adopted the draft resolution and took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- *The functioning of democratic institutions in Moldova: implementation of Resolution 1666 (2009)* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with members of the new Moldovan delegation to the Assembly, approved an addendum to the report, decided to table two amendments to the draft resolution proposed by the co-rapporteurs and took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- *The war between Georgia and Russia: one year after* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Van den Brande, Belgium, EPP/CD, and Mr Eörsi, Hungary, ALDE): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG and Mr Laakso, Finland, UEL): heard a statement by the Chairman on recent developments and decided to return to this matter at its next meeting following the co-rapporteurs' visit to the country at the beginning of November 2009;
- *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Çavuşoğlu, Turkey, EDG, and Mr Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina (1-4 September 2009) and decided to declassify it;
- *Montenegro* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD, and Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Podgorica (6-8 July 2009) and decided to return to this matter at its next meeting on the basis of a preliminary draft report;
- *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD, and ...): heard a statement by the co-rapporteur and the Chairman of the Azerbaijani delegation on the follow-up to the decision of the Monitoring Committee dated 24 June 2009 concerning the amendments to the legislation on NGOs and on freedom of religion; decided to postpone to the next meeting the appointment of the co-rapporteur to replace Mrs Jivkova;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria* (rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): heard a statement by the rapporteur, held an exchange of views with members of the new Bulgarian delegation and decided to request the new Bulgarian delegation to provide additional comments on the information note by Mr Holovaty in time for his next visit to the country ;

- *Armenia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD, and Mr Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC): heard a statement by the Chairman of the Armenian delegation on the follow-up to Resolution 1677 (2009) on “the functioning of democratic institutions in Armenia”;
- *Serbia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC, and ...): appointed Mr Harutyunyan (Armenia, EDG) co-rapporteur to replace Mr Goerens;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised fact-finding visits to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine;
- *Term of office of co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee*: appointed Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) rapporteur;
- *Other business*: heard a statement by the Chair on the follow-up to the decision of the Committee of 9 September 2009 concerning the Code of Conduct for co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee;
- *Next meeting*: decided to hold its next meeting in Paris, on 18 November 2009.

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