



.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 (Monitoring Committee)**, meeting in Paris on 18 November 2009, with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

– *Exchange of views with the Chairpersons of three Council of Europe human rights monitoring mechanisms*: heard statements on the rights of persons belonging to vulnerable groups in the light of the recent financial crisis by:

- . Mrs Polonca Končar, President of the European Committee of Social Rights;
- . Mr Alan Phillips, President of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities;
- . Mr Nils Muiznieks, Vice-Chair of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance.

held an exchange of views on ways and means to improve synergies between these mechanisms and the Monitoring Committee, identified a number of specific issues regarding the rights of persons belonging to vulnerable groups to which the Monitoring Committee's co-rapporteurs could pay particular attention and decided to exchange information on these issues with the three mechanisms on a regular basis;

– *Montenegro* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD, and Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): considered a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro and decided to transmit it to the Montenegrin delegation for comments, within a maximum of three months;

– *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD, and ...): appointed Mr Debono Grech (Malta, SOC) co-rapporteur to replace Mrs Jivkova;

– *Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Laakso, Finland, UEL, and Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG): heard a statement by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Albania (3-5 November 2009) and asked them to prepare a draft report on "*The functioning of democratic institutions in Albania*" for the December 2009 meeting of the Committee, with a view to an Assembly debate at the January 2010 part-session;

– *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, Germany, ALDE, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD): took note that the fact-finding visit of the co-rapporteurs had been postponed to 6 to 9 December 2009 and decided to return to this issue at its next meeting in December 2009;

– *Term of office of co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee* (rapporteur: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD): took note of the outline of the draft report presented by the rapporteur and invited him to present his draft report for adoption at one of its next meetings, with a view to a debate at the Standing Committee in March 2010;

– *Follow-up to be given by the Committee to the decisions taken by the Bureau of the Assembly:*

*i.* held an exchange of views with members of the Georgian and Russian delegations on the follow-up given to Resolution 1683 (2009) on “*The war between Georgia and Russia: one year after*”, asked the Georgian and Russian delegations to provide the Committee with written information on the implementation of Resolution 1683 (2009) by 15 January 2010 at the latest, with a view to holding an exchange of views during the January 2010 part-session, and decided to prepare a report on the follow-up given to Resolution 1683 (2009) with a view to an Assembly debate during the April 2010 part-session;

*ii.* instructed its Chairman to inform the Bureau of the Assembly that the implementation of paragraph 8 of Resolution 1687 (2009) on the “*Reconsideration on substantial grounds of the previously ratified credentials of the Russian delegation (Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly)*” would be the task of the co-rapporteurs with respect to Russia’s monitoring to be appointed in January 2010;

– *Future appointment of co-rapporteurs:* in the light of the changes to the national delegations and the composition of the Committee which will take place at the opening of the January 2010 part-session, decided to consider the appointment of co-rapporteurs on any vacant seats, at its meeting during the January 2010 part-session;

– *Next meeting:* decided to hold its next meeting on 17 December 2009 in Paris.

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