



.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 17 December 2009, with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Laakso, Finland, UEL, and Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG): considered a draft report on “*The functioning of democratic institutions in Albania*”, amended and adopted a draft resolution and draft recommendation, with a view to an Assembly debate during the January 2010 part-session;
- *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Çavușoğlu, Turkey, EDG, and Mr Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD): considered a draft report on “*The functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina*”, amended and adopted a draft resolution and draft recommendation, with a view to an Assembly debate during the January 2010 part-session;
- *Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): in the absence of the two co-rapporteurs, as well as members of the Moldovan delegation, decided to postpone this item to the next meeting of the Committee;
- *Armenia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD, and Mr Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC): in the absence of the two co-rapporteurs, decided to postpone this item to the next meeting of the Committee and to declassify the information note by the co-rapporteurs on the report of the ad hoc Committee of the National Assembly of Armenia on the events of 1 and 2 March 2008;
- *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Debono Grech, Malta, SOC, and Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on recent developments in Azerbaijan and authorised the co-rapporteurs to make a fact-finding visit to the country in February 2010;
- *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, Germany, ALDE, and Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD): took note of an information note on the visit by the co-rapporteur, Mrs Wohlwend, to Kyiv (7-8 December 2009) and decided to declassify it;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria* (rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE): heard a statement by the rapporteur on the situation in Bulgaria and asked him to prepare a draft report for one of its next meetings;
- *81st plenary meeting of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)* (11-12 December 2009): heard a statement by the Chairperson who had attended the meeting;

- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised visits to Azerbaijan, Montenegro, Moldova and, in principle, Turkey;
- *Next meeting*: decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the 1st part-session of the Assembly in 2010 (25-29 January).

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