



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 Strasbourg on 25, 26, 27 and 28 January 2010, with first Mr Bender (Poland, EDG), the most senior member present, and then Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Composition of the Committee's Bureau:*
 - elected Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) Chairperson
 - elected Mrs Josette Durrieu (France, SOC) first Vice-Chairperson by acclamation
 - elected Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) second Vice-Chairperson by acclamation
 - elected Mrs Karin S. Woldseth (Norway, EDG) third Vice-Chairperson by acclamation
- *The functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Çavușoğlu, Turkey, EDG, and Mr Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD): considered and approved an addendum to the draft report and took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Armenia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier, France, EPP/CD, and Mr Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC): held an exchange of views on recent developments, with the participation of Mr Davit Harutyunyan and Mr Armen Rustamyan; invited Mrs Zaruhi Postanjyan, representing the “Heritage” Party, for a hearing and held an exchange of views with her;
- *Term of office of co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee* (rapporteur: Mr Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- *Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- *Russia* (co-rapporteurs: ...): appointed Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) co-rapporteurs to replace Messrs Van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD) and Pangalos (Greece, SOC);
- *Follow-up to Resolution 1683 (2009) on the war between Georgia and Russia: one year after* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Eörsi and ...): appointed Mr Wilshire (United Kingdom, EDG) co-rapporteur to replace Mr Van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD) and postponed to its next meeting the discussion on the written information provided by the Georgian and Russian delegations on the implementation of Resolution 1683 (2009); decided to propose to the Bureau to invite Ambassador Heidi Tagliavini to address the Assembly within the framework of the debate on the “follow-up to Resolution 1683 (2009) on the war between Georgia and Russia: one year after” to be held during the 2010 third-part session (26-30 April);

- *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Wohlwend and ...): appointed Mrs Reps (Estonia, ALDE) co-rapporteur to replace Mrs Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger (Germany, ALDE) and postponed to the next meeting the exchange of views on the Presidential election in Ukraine (17 January and 7 February 2010);
- *The functioning of democratic institutions in Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Laakso, Finland, UEL, and Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG): invited Ms Arta Dade, secretary for international affairs of the Socialist Party of Albania, to a hearing, held an exchange of views with her and took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria*: considered and declassified a preliminary draft report presented by its former Chairman, Mr Holovaty, and decided to transmit it to the Bulgarian delegation for comments;
- *Other business*: decided to postpone to its next meeting the appointment of a Committee representative, and his or her substitute, to the Council on Democratic Elections ;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised a visit to Armenia;
- *Next meeting*: decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 17 March 2010.

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