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## 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 22 June 2010 with Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD), and on 23 and 24 June, with Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- Serbia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Harutyunyan, Armenia, EDG, and Mrs Hurskainen, Finland, SOC): decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;

Armenia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Colombier (France, EPP/CD, and Mr Prescott, (United Kingdom, SOC): held an exchange of views, decided to hold a hearing with Armenian political parties on the reforms announced by the authorities before the visit of the co-rapporteurs to Yerevan, and authorised a fact-finding visit by the corapporteurs to Armenia;

- Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD, and Mrs Reps, Estonia, ALDE): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Kyiv (1-4 June 2010) and decided to declassify it; decided to request that a debate on the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine be included in the draft agenda of the 4<sup>th</sup> part of the 2010 session of the Assembly; decided to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on the draft Law on the Judicial System and the Status of Judges in Ukraine, as well as the law amending the legislation concerning the High Council of Justice ; adopted a statement and authorised a fact-finding visit by the co-rapporteurs to Ukraine;

- Georgia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Islami, Albania, SOC, and Mr Jensen, Denmark, ALDE): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tbilisi (22-24 March 2010), decided to declassify it and authorised a fact-finding visit by the co-rapporteurs to Georgia;

- *Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Durrieu, France, SOC, and Mr Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on recent developments and decided to declassify it;

- Forum for the Future of Democracy, Yerevan, 19-20 October 2010: appointed Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD), Mrs Memecan (Turkey, ALDE), Mr Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC), Mrs Reps (Estonia, ALDE) and Mrs Woldseth (Norway, EDG) as representatives on the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau;

- The state of democracy in Europe and the progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (rapporteur: Mr Marty, Switzerland, ALDE): considered an amendment to the draft resolution proposed by the Chair and authorised him to table it on behalf of the Committee; took position on amendments to the draft resolution;

- The consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia (co-rapporteurs: Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG, and ...): held an exchange of views, and asked its Chair to formulate, after having consulted the two delegations and co-rapporteurs concerned, a draft proposal for the continuation of the work of the committee on this issue for discussion at its meeting during the 4<sup>th</sup> part of the 2010 session of the Assembly;

– Implementation of Resolution 1710 (2010) on the term of office of co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee:

appointed, as a consequence of the new rules governing the duration of the mandate of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee:

- . Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) co-rapporteur on Azerbaijan to replace Mr Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD);
- . Mr Lindblad (Sweden, EPP/CD) co-rapporteur on Armenia to replace Mr Colombier (France, EPP/CD);
- . Mr Mignon (France, EPP/CD) co-rapporteur on Bosnia and Herzegovina to replace Mr Sasi (Finland, EPP/CD);
- . Mrs Christoffersen (Norway, SOC) co-rapporteur on Moldova to replace Mrs Durrieu (France, SOC);
- . Mr Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD) rapporteur on the post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria;
- . Mrs Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) rapporteur on the post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco;
- . Mr Walter (United Kingdom, EDG) rapporteur on the post-monitoring dialogue with "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia";
- . Mrs Durrieu (France, SOC) rapporteur on the post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey;

decided to postpone the appointment of the co-rapporteur on Ukraine to its meeting to be held during the 4<sup>th</sup> part of the 2010 session of the Assembly;

- The functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan (co-rapporteurs: Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD, and Mr Debono Grech, Malta, SOC): took position on amendments to the draft resolution;

- Follow-up to the round table with the Chairmen of the monitoring mechanisms of the Council of Europe (18 November 2009): decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;

- Authorisation of fact-finding visits: authorised visits to Georgia and Ukraine ;

 Next meeting: decided to hold its next meetings in Paris on 9 September 2010 and in Strasbourg during the 4<sup>th</sup> part of the 2010 session of the Assembly (4-8 October).

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