



.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 4, 5 and 7 October 2010, with Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Renate Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD, and Mrs Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE): considered an addendum to the report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine and adopted amendments proposed by the co-rapporteurs; took position on amendments to the draft resolution; decided to request an opinion of the Venice Commission on the constitutional situation in Ukraine following the Constitutional Court's decision of 1 October 2010, as well as on the measures to be taken to bring the new constitutional framework in line with European standards and norms; authorised the co-rapporteurs to carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine and asked them to prepare a report on the functioning of democratic structures in Ukraine with special attention to constitutional reforms with a view to proposing it for debate in the Assembly during the 2011 second part-session;
- *Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD, and Mrs Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC): held an exchange of views on the constitutional referendum of 5 September 2010 and authorised a fact-finding visit by the co-rapporteurs to Moldova;
- *Georgia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Kastriot Islami, Albania, SOC, and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE): considered and amended an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tbilisi and the Kakheti region (12-16 July 2010) and decided to declassify it;
- *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC, and Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD): decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- *Russian Federation* (co-rapporteurs: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC): held an exchange of views on the progress of the monitoring procedure concerning the Russian Federation;
- *The consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr David Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG, and ...): heard the proposal by the Chair on the manner in which the Monitoring Committee should continue its work, amended and approved the conclusions of his note, decided to declassify it, agreed to hold a hearing on the consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia before the January 2011 part-session of the Assembly, and authorised the Chair to visit Russia and Georgia in order to prepare the hearing;

- *Armenia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr John Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC, and Mr Göran Lindblad, Sweden, EPP/CD): held a hearing on the reform project of the Armenian authorities, with the participation of the members of the Armenian delegation, as well as representatives of the extra-parliamentary opposition ;
- *Serbia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Davit Harutyunyan, Armenia, EDG, and Mrs Sinikka Hurskainen, Finland, SOC): held an exchange of views on the implementation of Resolution 1661 (2009) on the honouring of obligations and commitments of Serbia;
- *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Karin S. Woldseth, Norway, EDG, and Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, France, EPP/CD): decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- *Other business*: took note of a letter by Mr Lindblad to the Chair;
- *Next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings in Paris on 16 November 2010 and 10 December 2010.

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