



.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 24, 25 and 27 January 2011, with first Mr Bender (Poland, EDG), the oldest 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 Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC) first Vice-Chairperson
 - . elected Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) second Vice-Chairperson
 - . elected Ms Karin S. Woldseth (Norway, EDG) third Vice-Chairperson
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey* (rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC): heard a report by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Istanbul, Diyarbakir and Ankara from 8 to 13 January 2011 and decided to return to this issue at one of its next meetings;
- *Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and ...): appointed Mr Piotr Wach (Poland, EPP/CD) co-rapporteur to replace Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD);
- *Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Jaakko Laakso, Finland, UEL, and ...): appointed Mr Tomáš Jirsa (Czech Republic, EDG) co-rapporteur to replace Mr David Wilshire (United Kingdom, EDG);
- *Council for Democratic Elections (Venice Commission)*: appointed, for the year 2011, Ms Karin S. Woldseth (Norway, EDG) as representative and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD) as substitute of the Committee to the Council of Democratic Elections;
- *Serbia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Davit Harutyunyan, Armenia, EDG, and Ms Sinikka Hurskainen, Finland, SOC): held an exchange of views, with the participation of Mr Patrick Paquet, Political Desk Officer for Serbia in the European Commission;
- *Russian Federation* (co-rapporteurs: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding to Moscow and Kazan from 18 to 22 January 2011;
- *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC, and Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD): took note of a report of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly on the observation of the parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan and heard a statement by Mr Agramunt, co-rapporteur;

- *Hungary*: postponed to its next meeting the exchange of views with the Chair of the Hungarian delegation on recent developments in the field of media law and constitutional reforms;
- *The consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia* : approved the draft minutes of the hearing held in Paris at the National Assembly on 17 January 2011, held an exchange of views, and adopted a draft decision proposed by the Chair of the Committee on the manner in which the Monitoring Committee should continue its work on this file (see appendix);
- *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the constitutional situation in Ukraine with Prof. Kaarlo Tuori, member of the Venice Commission, and Mr Thomas Markert, Secretary of the Venice Commission;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised fact-finding visits to Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Monaco, Montenegro and Ukraine;
- *Next meeting*: decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 25 March 2011.

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APPENDIX

The consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia

Proposal of the Chair on the manner in which the Monitoring Committee should continue its work on this file, approved by the Committee at its meeting of 27 January 2011

In line with Resolution 1683 (2009), the Monitoring Committee remains seized of this matter and decides that:

- the consequences of the war, as well as the implementation of Assembly recommendations and demands made on Georgia and Russia in the relevant resolutions on this issue, will be followed by the respective co-rapporteurs for Georgia and Russia in the framework of the ongoing monitoring procedures for both these countries;
- the co-rapporteurs, under the responsibility and co-ordination of the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee, will present on an annual basis a joint information note to the Committee, in which they will outline the relevant developments with regard to the conflict and their findings with regard to the implementation of Assembly demands as expressed in its resolutions on this subject;
- this information note will be discussed by the Committee in a specific sitting in which it will also be updated, *inter alia*, on relevant developments in other international fora.

In addition, the Committee will be informed about possible activities of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population with regard to the humanitarian situation.