



.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 25 March 2011, with Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Georgia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Kastriot Islami, Albania, SOC, and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE): considered comments from the Georgian delegation as well as a draft report and adopted a draft resolution on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia;
- *Hungary*: held an exchange of views on the legislative situation in the country with the Chairman of the Hungarian delegation, appointed Mrs Jana Fischerová (Czech Republic, EDG) and Mrs Kerstin Lundgren (Sweden, ALDE) co-rapporteurs for the opinion on the request to open a monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary, authorised a fact-finding visit to the country, and decided to ask the opinion of the Venice Commission on the new draft Constitution of Hungary that is currently being debated in the Hungarian parliament;
- *Russian Federation* (co-rapporteurs: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Moscow and Kazan from 18 to 21 January 2011;
- *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Pedro Agramunt, Spain, EPP/CD and Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan from 1 to 3 February 2011;
- *Monaco* (rapporteur: Mrs Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE): in the absence of the rapporteur, decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- *Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD): decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- *Armenia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr John Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC, and Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD): agreed to invite Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, for an exchange of views at its next meeting and was informed by the co-rapporteurs of their intention to prepare a report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Armenia for presentation during the 2011 fourth part-session;
- *Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Tomáš Jirsa, Czech Republic, EDG, and Mr Jaakko Laakso, Finland, UEL): was informed by Mr Laakso of the reasons for the postponement of the fact-finding visit to Albania initially foreseen from 21 to 24 March 2011;

- *Serbia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Davit Harutyunyan, Armenia, EDG, and Ms Sinikka Hurskainen, Finland, SOC): took note of the roadmap submitted by the Serbian delegation and decided to postpone the discussion on this subject to its next meeting;
- *Reform of the Parliamentary Assembly*: decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised fact-finding visits to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Hungary, Russian Federation and Serbia;
- *Other business*: authorised Mr Andreas Gross, as corapporteur on Russia, to take part in the round table on the “implementation in Russia of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5 of the Committee of Ministers on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity” organised by the Russian LGBT Network, to be held in Moscow on 30 March 2011 (no cost for the Parliamentary Assembly);
- *Next meetings*:
 decided to hold its next meetings:
 - . in Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the 2011 session (11-15 April),
 - . in Paris, on 30 May 2011.

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