



.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 8 September 2011 with Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Armenia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr John Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC, and Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD): heard a presentation by Mr Prescott on the draft report and the fact-finding visit to Yerevan on 20 July 2011; considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution on the functioning of democratic institutions in Armenia as amended;
- *Serbia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Davit Harutyunyan, Armenia, EDG, and Mr Indrek Saar, Estonia, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia and decided to transmit it to the Serbian authorities for comments;
- *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 visit to Moscow on 13 and 14 July 2011; took note of the intention of the Russian delegation to send five draft laws to the Venice Commission for opinion and decided to come back to this item at its next meeting;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey* (rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC): took note of a report on the observation of the parliamentary elections held in Turkey on 12 June 2011 and held an exchange of views with the Turkish delegation on the current situation in Turkey;
- *Albania* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Tomáš Jirsa, Czech Republic, EDG, and Mr Grigore Petrenco, Moldova, UEL): considered an information note on the fact-finding visit to Tirana from 30 June to 1 July 2011 and decided to declassify it;
- *Hungary* (co-rapporteurs: Mrs Jana Fischerová, Czech Republic, EDG, and Mrs Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE): heard an oral report by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Budapest from 6 to 8 July 2011 ;
- *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised visits to Albania, Hungary, as well as to Georgia and Russia in the framework of the preparation of the report on the consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia;
- *Other business*: held an exchange of views on the latest developments in Azerbaijan, including the refusal to grant a visa to PACE rapporteur Mr Christoph Strässer (Germany, SOC), invited the delegation of Azerbaijan to send written comments to the Committee and decided to consider this issue at its next meeting;

– *Next meeting:*

decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the 4th part of the 2011 session (3-7 October).

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