



.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)**

**Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly**

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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 15 December 2011, with Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Serbia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Davit Harutyunyan, Armenia, EDG, and Mr Indrek Saar, Estonia, SOC): approved a draft report, amended and adopted unanimously a draft resolution on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia with a view to its presentation at the January 2012 part-session;
- *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, France, EPP/CD, and Ms Karin S. Woldseth, Norway, EDG): approved a draft report, amended and adopted unanimously a draft resolution on the functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina with a view to its presentation at the January 2012 part-session;
- *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with Mr Oleksandar Lavrinovich, Minister of Justice of Ukraine; approved a draft report, amended and adopted unanimously a draft resolution on the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine with a view to its presentation at the January 2012 part-session;
- *Russian Federation* (co-rapporteurs: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC): held an exchange of views on the parliamentary elections of 4 December 2011; decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on five Russian federal laws; took note of and supported the request made by the Political Affairs Committee to the Bureau on 14 December 2011 to hold a debate under urgent procedure entitled “Russian Federation between two elections” to be held during the January 2012 part-session of the Assembly; took note of the participation of the co-rapporteurs in the post-electoral mission to the Russian Federation scheduled from 19 to 22 January 2012 and authorised the co-rapporteurs, if the situation requires it in the meantime, to pay a visit to Russia;
- *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Pedro Agramunt Font de Mora, Spain, EPP/CD, and Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC): held an exchange of views on freedom of expression in Azerbaijan with Mr John Dalhuisen, Deputy Director of Amnesty International for Europe and Central Asia;
- *Georgia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Kastriot Islami, Albania, SOC, and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Denmark, ALDE): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Tbilisi et Batumi from 11 to 14 October 2011 and decided to declassify the note at its next meeting;

– *Next meeting:*

decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the 2012 session (23-27 January).

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cc. *Secretary General of the Assembly*  
*Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly*  
*Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly*  
*Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations*  
*Secretary General of the Congress*  
*Secretary to the Committee of Ministers*  
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*Director of Communication*  
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