



.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 13 March 2012, with Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Russian Federation* (co-rapporteurs: Mr György Frunda, Romania, EPP/CD, and Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation and decided to transmit it to the authorities of the Russian Federation for comments;
- *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (co-rapporteurs: Ms Karin S. Woldseth, Norway, EDG, and ...): appointed Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) co-rapporteur to replace Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France, EPP/CD) and heard an oral report by Ms Woldseth on the latest developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- *Montenegro* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD, and ...): appointed Ms Nursuna Memecan (Turkey, ALDE) co-rapporteur to replace Mr Serhiy Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE);
- *Republic of Moldova* (co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on their fact-finding visit to Chisinau from 28 November to 1 December 2011 and decided to declassify it, as amended;
- *Ukraine* (co-rapporteurs: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with Mr John Dalhuisen, Programme Director of Amnesty International for Europe and Central Asia, and Ms Heather McGill, Researcher of Amnesty International for the Europe and Central Asia Regional Programme, on the Amnesty International report entitled “No evidence of a crime: paying the price for police impunity in Ukraine”;
- *Hungary: motion to open a monitoring procedure* (co-rapporteurs: Ms Jana Fischerová, Czech Republic, EDG, and Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE): heard an oral report on the co-rapporteurs' fact-finding visit to Budapest on 16 and 17 February 2012; agreed to request an opinion of the Venice Commission on the Transitional Provisions to the Fundamental Law of Hungary and asked the Chair of the Committee to write a letter to the Hungarian authorities reminding them of their promise to request a Council of Europe expertise on the Media Laws adopted in 2011;
- *Armenia* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD, and Mr John Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC): considered an information note by the co-rapporteurs on the fact-finding visit to Yerevan on 16 and 17 January 2012 and decided to declassify it, as amended;

– *Azerbaijan* (co-rapporteurs: Mr Pedro Agramunt Font de Mora, Spain, EPP/CD, and Mr Joseph Debono Grech, Malta, SOC): heard an oral report on the co-rapporteurs' fact-finding visit to Baku from 31 January to 2 February 2012;

– *Authorisation of fact-finding visits*: authorised fact-finding visits to Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Federation of Russia and Ukraine;

– *Next meetings*:

decided to hold its next meetings:

- . in Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the 2012 session (23-27 April)
- . in Paris, on 31 May 2012 (instead of 1 June 2012 as initially scheduled)

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