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COMMITTEE ON THE HONOURING OF OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS BY MEMBER STATES

ALBANIA

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Mr René van der Linden (Netherlands, PPE/DC)

Letter from the Chairman of the committee to the President of the Assembly

COMMITTEE ON THE HONOURING OF OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS BY MEMBER STATES

The Chairman

Strasbourg 17 April 1998

Madam President,

At its meeting in Paris on 3 April, the Monitoring Committee took note of the attached memorandum by co-rapporteurs van der Linden and Sole Tura on their recent visit to Albania. One of the questions examined was the prospect for follow-up action on the proposals of the Tri-Parliamentary Mission to Albania (Council of Europe, European Parliament, OSCE), which you personally led 22-23 January 1998.

The Committee considers that intensive monitoring is urgently required – with priority for the two areas identified by the Tri-Parliamentary Mission : the drafting of a new Constitution, and respect for parliamentary procedures.

The Committee believes that intensive monitoring can help to ensure that the main political forces in Albania respect the parameters of the rule of law and of parliamentary democracy. It is ready to give all such help and advice – through monitoring – as may be needed for the continued presence of Albania as a Member of the Council of Europe.

In order to have a clear perspective for our planning of follow-up action on the basis of the attached memorandum, the Committee has asked me to consult – and seek the support – of the Bureau of the Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

Guido de MARCO

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President of the Parliamentary Assembly
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