



Recommendation 1867 (2009)¹

Honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its [Resolution 1661 \(2009\)](#) on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia in which it fully supports Serbia's European aspirations and calls upon the authorities to concentrate all their efforts on improving co-operation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, as well as completing the necessary reforms in the field of democratic institutions, the rule of law and human rights.
2. The Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers:
 - 2.1. take Assembly [Resolution 1661 \(2009\)](#) into account in the context of the Secretariat's reporting procedure before the Group of Rapporteurs on Democracy (GR-DEM);
 - 2.2. continue and reinforce existing assistance programmes to support Serbia in the implementation of obligations and commitments to the Council of Europe by allocating appropriate financial resources and making use of bilateral donor funding, where necessary;
 - 2.3. work with the Serbian authorities to develop, where appropriate, new targeted co-operation programmes in the fields of strengthening democratic institutions; local and regional democracy; reform of the judiciary and of the Public Prosecutor's Office; the fight against corruption; human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to national minorities; mass media and education, making full use in particular of new funding opportunities, including within the framework of the European Union's Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

1. *Assembly debate* on 28 April 2009 (13th Sitting) (see [Doc. 11701](#), report of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), co-rapporteurs: Mr Goerens and Mr Gross). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 28 April 2009 (13th Sitting).

