

Recommendation 1622 (2003)¹

Honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its [Resolution 1346 \(2003\)](#) on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine.
2. In the light of the considerations stated in this resolution, the Assembly informs the Committee of Ministers that, although notable progress has been made by Ukraine since the adoption of Assembly [Resolution 1262 \(2001\)](#), it has not yet honoured all the obligations and commitments it entered into on becoming a member state of the Council of Europe. Therefore the Assembly resolves to pursue the monitoring procedure in respect of Ukraine, in close co-operation with the Ukrainian delegation.
3. The Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers:
 - 3.1. encourage the Ukrainian authorities to strengthen co-operation with the Council of Europe in order to ensure full compatibility of Ukrainian legislation and practice with the Organisation's principles and standards, especially with standards guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights, as well as full compliance with the decisions of the Strasbourg Court as regards the individual and general measures that may be required;
 - 3.2. ensure in co-operation with the European Commission the final implementation of the Joint Programme of Co-operation to Promote and Strengthen Democratic Stability in Ukraine;
 - 3.3. ask the competent Ukrainian authorities to provide national minorities with the necessary conditions to foster their specific culture, history, language and religion, in particular through access to education delivered in their mother tongue;
 - 3.4. call on the Ukrainian authorities to fully implement the reform of the general prosecutor's office, in accordance with Council of Europe principles and standards, and to implement, in close co-operation with the relevant bodies of the Council of Europe, the joint plan of action pertaining to the reform of the Ukrainian prosecutor's office;
 - 3.5. ensure implementation of specific human rights training programmes for Ukrainian prosecutors and judges for the purpose of developing democratic practices amongst them;
 - 3.6. intensify the co-operation programmes between the Council of Europe and Ukraine, notably for the implementation of the action plan for the media, with a view to assisting the Ukrainian authorities in their efforts to secure fundamental liberties and rights, particularly as regards freedom of expression and the media.

1. Assembly debate on 29 September 2003 (27th Sitting) (see [Doc. 9852](#), report of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe, rapporteurs: Mrs Severinsen and Mrs Wohlwend). Text adopted by the Assembly on 29 September 2003 (27th Sitting).

