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## Political prisoners in Armenia

**Reply to Written question<sup>1</sup>:** Written question No. 625 (Doc. 13111)  
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1. During its consideration of the Honourable Parliamentarian's question, the Committee of Ministers was informed by the Armenian delegation that, on 24 January 2013, the Armenian Court of Cassation invited Mr Araqelian to lodge a fresh appeal as the previous one did not satisfy the requirements laid down in the Armenian Code of Criminal Procedure. The Armenian Court of Cassation has not, at this stage, upheld Mr Araqelian's conviction at first instance. As the proceedings are still pending, the Committee of Ministers cannot comment on the case in question.

2. Regarding dialogue between Armenian political forces, which the Committee of Minister can only encourage, it is for the leaders of the different political parties to determine the arrangements for this.

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1. Adopted at the 1165th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (13 March 2013).

