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Azerbaijan: inadequate progress in honouring of commitments

[05/10/04] While recognising that Azerbaijan has made some progress in honouring its obligations and commitments since January 2004, the Assembly considers that this progress is inadequate. According to the parliamentarians, the Assembly cannot consider closing the current monitoring procedure until such time as Azerbaijan has proven that its commitments have been irreversibly implemented. The adopted resolution points out that, nearly a year after Ilham Aliyev was elected President of the Republic, there are a number of positive signs, for example in the form of four presidential pardon decrees. However, it notes with concern that some political prisoners and presumed political prisoners are still in jail and there is still a risk of being arrested and imprisoned for political reasons.

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