

## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

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15 March 2002

The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education**, meeting in Paris on 13 March 2002, under the chairmanship of Mr de Puig:

- approved a report and adopted a draft recommendation on religion and change in central and eastern Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Baciú, Romania, SOC);
- approved an opinion on vocational training of young asylum seekers (Rapporteur: Mrs Schicker, Austria, SOC);
- held an exchange of views on media questions and:
  - ✗ was informed of follow-up to the hearing on the situation of the media in Belarus;
  - ✗ decided, on proposal by Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa, acting Chair of the Sub-Committee on the Media, to hold a hearing on the situation of the media in the Russian Federation (on Monday 22 April in Strasbourg);
  - ✗ agreed on a statement on the media situation in Italy;
- was informed by the Chairman on preparations for the colloquy on cultural cooperation between Europe and South Mediterranean countries (Rabat, 8-9 April 2002) and expressed the wish that women would be included in the parliamentary delegations from Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia to the colloquy;
- considered a preliminary draft report on European cultural co-operation (Rapporteur: Mr de Puig, Spain, SOC) with the participation of Mr Rugaas, Director General for Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport;
- held an exchange of views on the Romanian national treasure introduced by the General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage, Mrs Stepova (Czech Republic, SOC) and authorised her to undertake a fact-finding mission to Moscow;

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
The Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly  
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- held an exchange of views on the Russian law on religion (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Roseta, Portugal, EPP/CD) and was informed that the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights would only approve its report on 18 March;
- appointed Mr O'Hara (United Kingdom, SOC) Rapporteur for an opinion on tapping Europe's tourism potential;
- appointed Mr Dias (Portugal) and Mr Varela (Spain) as further members of its Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport;
- heard reports by:
  - ✘ Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa on the Conference on endangered minority cultures (Budapest, 15-16 February);
  - ✘ Mr de Puig on a meeting of a preparatory group for a declaration on European identity (Strasbourg, 26 February);
  - ✘ Mrs Agudo on the CLRAE Conference "Young people : actors in their town and their region"(Cracow, 6-8 March);
- confirmed its next meetings as follows:
  - ✘ in Rabat on 8-9 April;
  - ✘ in Strasbourg in the period of 22-26 April;

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