



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

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The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education**, meeting in Rabat on 8-9 April 2002, under the chairmanship of Mr Lluís Maria de Puig:

- was welcomed in the House of Representatives of Morocco by its Speaker, Mr Abdelwahad Radi;
- held a colloquy on cultural cooperation between Europe and South Mediterranean countries (General Rapporteur for the Colloquy: Mr Oussama Cherribi, Netherlands, LDR) with the participation of:
 - o parliamentary delegations from South Mediterranean countries;
 - o Mr Mohamed Achaari, Minister for Culture and Communication of Morocco;
 - o representatives from the EU Commission, Unesco, Isesco, the CLRAE and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe;
 - o experts from Europe and from South Mediterranean countries;

and in this context was informed by Mr Mehmet Saglam of the results of the OIC-EU Forum – Civilisation and Harmony: Political Dimension (Istanbul, 11-12 February 2002);

- heard a statement by and held an exchange of views with Mr Abdellah Saaf, Minister for National Education of Morocco;
- welcomed the appointment of Mr Pedro Roseta as Minister for Culture in the Government of Portugal, approved his opinion on the Russian law on religion and asked the Chairman to present it to the Assembly in his absence;
- appointed :
 - o Mr Jacques Legendre (France, EDG) rapporteur on ending the plundering of African cultural objects (Doc. 9367);
 - o Mrs Johanna Schicker (Austria, SOC) rapporteur for an oral opinion on the training of workers on the use of new technologies;

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
The Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly

Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication and Research
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- designated the Chairman spokesperson for the debate on the legal situation of Roma in Europe;
- took note of Doc. 9360 on the situation of the Mari minority and decided to invite a journalist from the Mari-El Republic (Russia) to the hearing on the situation of the media in Russia (Strasbourg, Monday 22 April, 2pm);
- decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - in Strasbourg in the period of 22-26 April;
 - in Paris on Thursday 23 May (Council of Europe office);

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