

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

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The Committee on Culture, Science and Education meeting in Strasbourg on 22, 23, 24 and 25 April 2002 with Mr de Puig in the chair:

- approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation on European Sport Co-operation (Rapporteur: Mr Kiely, Ireland, LDR)
- heard a presentation by Mrs Stepová, General Rapporteur on the cultural heritage, and adopted an information report on specific subjects (Cyprus, Ilisu Dam in Turkey and the Romanian National Treasure);
- approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft opinion on a draft additional protocol to the Anti-Doping Convention (Rapporteur: Mr Smorawiński, Poland, EPP);
- agreed not to present a separate opinion to the report of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee on the training of workers on the use of new technologies;
- held an exchange of views with Russian journalists on the situation of the media in Russia;
- regretted the lack of follow-up to the promise by the Minister of Information of Belarus to ask for a Council of Europe expertise on the new media law;
- was informed by its Polish members of controversy surrounding a new draft law on the media and asked its Sub-Committee on Media to follow the matter;
- held an exchange of views on European cultural co-operation (Rapporteur: Mr de Puig, Spain, SOC) with Mr Bendik Rugaas, General Director for Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport;
- heard a presentation and held an exchange of views on bioethics with the secretariat of the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI);
- considered an amendment to the draft recommendation on religion and change in Central and Eastern Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Baciú, Romania, SOC);
- designated the following rapporteurs:
 - = Mr Galoyan (Armenia, EPP) on diaspora cultures,
 - = Mr Banks (United Kingdom, SOC) on lesbians and gays in sport;
 - = Baroness Hooper for a contribution to the OECD debate;
- proposed MM de Puig, Saglam, Baroness Hooper, Prisăcaru, and Lord Rusell-Johnston as their representatives to the Conference on security on South-East Europe (Bucharest, 6-7 June 2002);
- designated representatives to forthcoming meetings:

- = Mr Abbasov (Colloquy of Ministers of Culture of South-Caucasus, Montreux (CH) 10-11 May)
- = Mr Libicki (CDMM, Strasbourg, 14 May)
- = Mr Varela (CDBI, Strasbourg, 3-4 June)
- = Lord Russell-Johnston (Conference on History teaching in Europe, Sinaia (Romania) 8 June)

- received a delegation from Sudan, headed by the Minister of Education and Scientific Research;

- took note that the Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport was planning to meet in Tbilisi (Georgia) on 10 June for a joint parliamentary hearing on sport legislation with the CDDS Bureau;

- took note of the replies by the Committee of Ministers to Recommendations 1399 (Xenotransplantation) and 1468 (Biotechnologies);

- decided to hold its next meeting on Thursday 23 May 2002 (from 11 am) in the Paris Office of the Council of Europe, following a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Media from 9 to 11 am.

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