

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

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The **Sub-Committee on the Media (Committee on Culture, Science and Education)** meeting in Paris on 23 May 2002 with Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa in the chair:

- discussed the media situation in certain European countries and in particular Italy, Poland and Russia;
- instructed its acting Chair to write to the Chairman of the Bulgarian delegation in order to seek further information on the media situation;
- proposed a debate on freedom of expression in the media in Europe for the Assembly June part-session;
- asked the Chairman of the Committee to write to the Assembly Bureau in order to request the inclusion of a Sub-Committee member in the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to visit Minsk from 10-12 June 2002;
- heard a report by Mr Libicki on his participation in the Hearing on questions concerning freedom of expression and information and the fight against terrorism organised by the CDMM on 14 May 2002;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the Assembly's June part-session.

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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

Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

**The Committee on Culture, Science and Education**, meeting in Paris on 23 May 2002 with Mr de Puig in the chair:

- approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation on European cultural cooperation (Rapporteur: Mr de Puig, Spain, Socialist Group), with a view to its being debated by the Assembly at the June part-session;
- paid tribute to Mrs Stepova for her work as General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage, heard a report on her study visit to Moscow on 13-14 May, approved an addendum to the information report on the Romanian national treasure to be presented to the Standing Committee in Lucerne;
- approved an opinion on tapping Europe's tourism potential (Rapporteur: Mr O'Hara, United Kingdom, Socialist Group) and adopted four amendments to the draft resolution presented by Mrs Stepova on behalf of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development;
- was informed by Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa, acting Chair, on the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Media earlier in the day, decided to support its proposal to organise a debate on freedom of expression in the media during the Assembly June part-session and appointed Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa rapporteur, subject to the Bureau referring this issue to the Committee;
- regretted the need to postpone an exchange of views on parliamentary assessment of science due to the absence of Mr Mateju, who had not been authorised by the Czech parliament to attend the meeting;
- heard a report by Mr Legendre on the meetings of Europa Nostra in Dubrovnik on 17-18 May 2002 and decided to associate itself with Europa Nostra's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary to be celebrated in Strasbourg in June 2003;
- was shown the works of art in the Paris Office by Mr Jean-Paul Mercier-Baudrier, Head of the National Contemporary Art Collection (FNAC);
- decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg on the occasion of the Assembly's June part-session.

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