



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 24 and 27 June 2002, under the chairmanship of Mr de Puig:

- approved a report on the spirit of Europe in museums (Rapporteur: Mr Valk, the Netherlands, SOC) and asked Mr O'Hara to present it to the Standing Committee in Luxembourg on 3 September;
- held a first exchange of views on a preliminary draft report on cultural cooperation between Europe and South Mediterranean countries (Rapporteur: Mr de Puig, Spain, SOC) and took note that Mr de Puig would be meeting the Speaker of the Egyptian parliament, the Egyptian Vice-Minister of Culture and the Deputy Secretary General of the Arab League on 1-2 July in Cairo;
- appointed Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa as General Rapporteur on the Media;
- appointed the following rapporteurs:
 - = Lord Russell-Johnston (United Kingdom, LDR) on the Kurdish cultural heritage;
 - = Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa (Finland, LDR) on ensuring fair access to digital material for educational and other socially necessary purposes;
 - = Mr Varela (Spain, LDR) on scientific and technological contributions to the improvement of public health;
- postponed the appointment of a rapporteur on concentration of media power;
- appointed the following further members of its sub-committees:
 - = Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage: Mrs Nabholz-Haidegger (Switzerland) ;
 - = Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics: MM Gierek (Poland) and Varela (Spain) and Mrs Castro as an alternate to Mrs Fernandez-Capel (Spain);
 - = Sub-Committee on the Media : Mrs Domingues (Portugal);

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- was informed of the activities of Directorate General IV by Mr Rugaas, Director General, Mr Mazza, Mrs Boltho, Mr Sheils and Mrs Keating and in particular on education in South East Europe, intercultural dialogue and conflict prevention and on languages;
- decided to celebrate the European Day of languages (26 September) by means of holding a special meeting on a related topic;
- was informed by the Chairman on the Universal Forum of Cultures to take place in Barcelona in 2004 and agreed to invite the organisers for a presentation of the programme at a forthcoming Committee meeting;
- discussed its work programme;
- decided to ask the Bureau to prolong the references on the cultural situation in the South Caucasian region and on the promotion of art history in Europe;
- confirmed designations by its sub-committees, and designated Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa to the International conference on the origin, culture and language of the Csangos (Iasi, 5-7 July) and to the conference on media in democratic society (Luxembourg, 30 September-1 October) and authorised Baroness Hooper (Rapporteur on OECD) and Mr Varela (Rapporteur on Unesco) to visit the headquarters of these organisations in Paris during the Summer;
- took note of the reply by the Committee of Ministers to Assembly recommendation 1512 (2001) on the protection of the human genome;
- was informed of possible invitations to meet in Italy (in 2002) and in Spain and in Sweden (in 2003);
- decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - in Paris on Wednesday 4 September;
 - in Strasbourg in the period of 23-27 September;
 - in Paris on Thursday 5 December.

The Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport meeting on 25 June 2002 with Mr Banks in the chair:

- held an exchange of views with a group of 55 young people from Bosnia and Herzegovina taking part in the OSCE "Successor Generation Initiative";
- discussed a preliminary draft report on youth cooperation in Europe (Rapporteur: Mrs Agudo, Spain, SOC) and decided to consult youth organisations;
- was informed of sports activities in the Council of Europe by Mr Walker, Head of the Sports Department;
- proposed Mr Banks and Mr Kiely for the informal meeting of the European Ministers of Sport (Warsaw, 12-13 September 2002);
- left it to the Chairman to decide on the date and place of its next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage meeting on 26 June with Mr Legendre in the chair:

- discussed a draft report by Mr Valk on the spirit of Europe in museums and was informed by him on the activities of the European Museum Forum;
- took note of an exhibition to be held on the initiative of Mr Haack during the September part-session of material from the Renaissance Museum of Lemgo (Germany);
- was informed by representatives of DG IV, MM. Ballester and Thérond, on intergovernmental activities in the heritage sector and formulated a proposal for the joint funding of certain outsourced projects;
- discussed follow up to the Europa Nostra meetings in Dubrovnik 17-18 May and contacts in Strasbourg 10-11 June and asked Mr Legendre to attend the next meetings of Europa Nostra in Bruges on 10-12 October;
- considered the succession to Mrs Stepova as General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage;
- considered its future work programme, hoping in particular to develop further co-operation with outside bodies such as Unesco and the European Union;
- decided to meet next in Strasbourg during the September Assembly part-session.

The Sub-Committee on the Media, meeting on 27 June under the chairmanship first of Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa, acting Chair, and then of Mr Jarab:

- elected Mr Jarab Chairman and Mr Hegyi Vice-Chairman;
- decided to propose Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa for the post of General Rapporteur on the Media for one year
- discussed the media situation in Belarus, Bulgaria, Poland and Turkey;
- asked its Chairman to write to the Russian delegation for information about the possible closure of the newspaper *Novaya Gazeta*;
- was informed by Mrs Gongadze about the progress of the investigation into the murder of her husband, the Ukrainian journalist Georgy Gongadze;
- was informed by representatives of the Media Division and the Secretariat of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities about their activities in the media field;
- decided to meet next in Strasbourg during the September Assembly part-session.

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