

**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, 25 and 26 September 2002, under the chairmanship of Mr de Puig:

- appointed Baroness Hooper (UK, EDG) Rapporteur for an opinion on sexual exploitation of children, approved the opinion and adopted amendments to the draft resolution presented by the Committee on Social, Health and Family Affairs;
- approved a contribution to the debate on the activities of the OECD (Rapporteur: Baroness Hooper, UK, EDG) and adopted one amendment to the draft resolution presented by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development;
- discussed possible contributions to the Assembly debates on Yugoslavia's accession to the Council of Europe, on the new issues involved in building Europe; on Kaliningrad; on the situation in Georgia; on minorities in Belgium; on the monitoring of Armenia and Azerbaijan and on the situation in Belarus;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Guillaume Legaut, Chairman of the Advisory Council on Youth Questions, on youth policies in the Council of Europe on the basis of a draft report presented by Mrs Agudo (Spain, SOC);
- celebrated the European Day of Languages (26 September) with a talk on "Languages and identities in Europe" by Prof. Philip Riley (University of Nancy) followed by an exchange of views;
- discussed a preliminary draft report on access to digital material for education presented by Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa (Finland, LDR);
- discussed a preliminary draft report on the cultural situation in the South Caucasus presented by Mr Abbasov (Azerbaijan, EDG);
- was informed by the Rapporteur, Mr Galoyan (Armenia, EPP) on the outline of his report on diaspora cultures;
- decided to ask for an extension of the reference on Kurdish culture and authorised the Rapporteur, Lord Russell-Johnston, UK, LDR, to visit the area;

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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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- herd reports from:
  - Mr de Puig on the Euro Mediterranean conference “From poverty to dignity” organised by the North/South Centre (Alexandria, 28 June-1 July);
  - the Secretariat on the 16<sup>th</sup> Informal Meeting of European Sports Ministers (Warsaw, 12-13 September);
  - Mr de Puig and Mr Valk on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Europe Museum Prize (Lisbon, 19-21 September);
- appointed Ms Melandri (Italy, Soc) General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage and Mr O’Hara (UK, SOC) to succeed to Mr Valk as rapporteur on the Council of Europe Museum Prize;
- appointed the following rapporteurs:
  - Mrs Milotinoва (Bulgaria, NI) on challenges facing the European audio-visual sector;
  - Mrs Domingues (Portugal, EPP) on the future of public service television;
  - Mr Tiuri (Finland, EPP) on parliaments’ capacity to respond to the challenges of the knowledge society;
- designated representatives to forthcoming meetings;
- appointed the following further members of its sub-committees:
  - Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage: Mr Ouzky (Czech Republic), Mrs Castro (Spain), Mr Nachbar (alternate: Mr Kucheida, France) and Mrs Damanaki (Greece) as an alternate to Mrs Katseli ;
  - Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics: Mr Braga (Portugal);
  - Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport : Mrs Alvarez-Arena (Spain), MM Kucheida et Gévaux (France) and Mr Mooney (Ireland);
- decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - in Paris on Wednesday 30 October;
  - in Paris on Thursday 5 December.

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