



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

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The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education**, meeting in Paris on 5 December 2002, under the chairmanship of Mr de Puig:

- held an exchange of views on freedom of expression in the media in Europe with representatives of the *International Press Institute* and of *Reporters without Borders*, approved a report and adopted a draft recommendation (Rapporteur: Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa, Finland, LDR) and expressed the wish that this would be debated by the Assembly at its January 2003 part-session;
- decided to award the Council of Europe Museum Prize for 2003 to the Latenium, Hauterive-Neuchâtel, Switzerland (Rapporteur: Mr O'Hara, United Kingdom, SOC) and took note that the award ceremony would take place in Strasbourg on 1 April 2003;
- welcomed the President of the Assembly's intention to invite Ministers from southern Mediterranean countries to take part in the debate on cultural cooperation between Europe and southern Mediterranean countries (Rapporteur: Mr de Puig, Spain, SOC) during the January 2003 part-session and took note of the interest expressed by members of the Lebanese Parliament in cooperation in the cultural field;
- held an exchange of views on the *Prix Europa* with the participation of Mrs Hoffmann, Project Manager, and decided to continue its support for the current affairs prize, to associate itself with the proposed Radio Day on European cultures (12 October 2003) and to organise, in cooperation with *Prix Europa*, a hearing on public service broadcasting;
- decided to postpone consideration of a draft report on cultural cooperation in the south Caucasus (Rapporteur: Mr Abbasov, Azerbaijan, EDG);

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- was informed:
  - by Mr O'Hara on the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment annual conference (London, 21-22 October);
  - by Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa on the meeting of the standing Committee (St. Julian's, 18 November);
  - by Mr Braga on the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre (Lisbon, 29 November);
- was informed on the meeting of its Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage and on the colloquy on the promotion of art history in Europe (Venice, 21-22 November) by Mr O'Hara, Vice-Chairman;
- appointed the following Rapporteurs:
  - Mr Asciak (Malta, EPP) on human stem cell research;
  - Mr Braga (Portugal, SOC) for an opinion on the Council of Europe North-South Centre and its contribution for development cooperation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, report to be presented by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development;
  - Mr Berceanu (Romania, SOC) on the need for a world rescue organisation for natural disasters;
  - Mr Sudarencov (Russia, SOC) on combatting terrorism through culture;
- regretted the cancellation of the joint consultative meeting on sport (Tbilisi, 27 November) and asked its Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport to prepare a report on the exercise as a whole [Order 479 (1992)];
- decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the January 2003 part-session of the Assembly.

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The **Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage** meeting earlier in Paris on 5 December with Mr O'Hara in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views on the European museum awards with Mr Negri, Director of the European Museum Forum, and Mr Valk, former Assembly rapporteur;
- discussed the museums shortlisted for the 2003 Council of Europe Museum Prize;
- was informed by Mr O'Hara of concern over the dispersal of cultural material from a UK warship which sank off Gibraltar in the late seventeenth century;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the January 2003 part-session of the Assembly.

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