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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 3 March 2003 with Mr de Puig in the Chair:

- discussed a report on the cultural situation in the south Caucasus and the Council of Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Abbasov, Azerbaijan, EDG) with the participation of Mr Terry Sandell, consultant expert, adopted unanimously a draft recommendation and expressed the wish that this subject be debated by the Assembly at its April 2003 part-session;
 - held an exchange of views with Mr Jacques Toubon, President of Eurimages, in the context of a report on challenges facing the European audiovisual sector (Rapporteur: Ms Milotinoва, Bulgaria, NR);
 - was informed by Mr Legendre on the Informal Colloquy of the European Ministers of Culture (Strasbourg, 17-18 February 2003) and welcomed the participation of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, as a consequence of the Assembly debate on cultural cooperation between Europe and the south Mediterranean countries;
 - was informed by Mr Rugaas, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, on intergovernmental activities in this fields;
 - appointed Mr Huseynov R (Azerbaijan, EDG) Rapporteur on education of refugees and displaced persons in place of Mr Saglam;
 - designated representatives to forthcoming meetings:
 - Mrs Domingues, Mr Huseynov and Mr Rakhansky for a meeting concerning freedom of the electronic media and their regulation in Ukraine (Ukrainian Parliament, Kyiv, 17 March);
 - Mrs Agudo for the CLRAE Committee on Culture and Education (Strasbourg, 20 March);
 - decided to hold its next meetings in Strasbourg during the Assembly's April 2003 part-session and in Paris on Monday 5 May.
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- cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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The **Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics** meeting the same day with Mr Varela i Serra in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views on parliaments and the knowledge society (Rapporteur: Mr Tiuri, Finland, EPP) on the basis of an outline report presented by the Rapporteur and asked him to evaluate best practices and to make concrete recommendations to encourage technology assessment procedures in parliaments of Council of Europe member states;
- held an exchange of views on human stem cell research (Rapporteur: Mr Asciak, Malta, EPP) on the basis of an outline report presented by the Rapporteur and on a presentation by Prof Marie-Louise Labat, consultant expert;
- held an exchange of views with Dr Mustapha El Tayeb, Director of the Science Analysis and Policy Division, Unesco, on cooperation between the Council of Europe and Unesco in the field of science;
- left it to the Chairman to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

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