



**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 31 March 2003 and 1 April 2003 with Mr de Puig in the Chair:

- took note of a dissenting opinion by Mr. Galoyan to the report on the cultural situation in the South Caucasus (Rapporteur: Mr. Abbasov) and took position on amendments to the draft recommendation;
- was informed on developments in the field of education in Bosnia and Herzegovina and asked its Chairman to write to the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the law on education;
- postponed discussion on combating terrorism through culture (Rapporteur: Mr. Sudarenkov), on diaspora cultures (Rapporteur: Mr. Galoyan) and on education of refugees and displaced persons (Rapporteur: Mr. R. Huseynov);
- appointed Mr. Prisacaru (Romania, SOC) Rapporteur on Education for Europe and Baroness Hooper (United Kingdom, EDG) Rapporteur for a contribution to the debate on the activities of the OECD;
- was informed on a DLP seminar on Youth and Conflict resolution (Strasbourg, 2 April 2003) and encouraged members to participate;
- appointed Mr. Howlin a further member of its Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage;
- took note of the resignation of Mrs. Melandri as General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage;
- decided to propose to the Assembly Bureau the appointment of Mr. Braga (alternate: Mr. de Puig) to the Executive Board of the North South Centre;
- paid tribute to Mrs. Isohookana-Asunmaa and Mr. Tiuri who would be leaving the Finnish Delegation;
- designated representatives to forthcoming meetings;
- decided on future meetings as follows:
  - Paris, 5 May (Council of Europe Office)
  - Strasbourg, June part-session
  - Budapest EYCB, 10 September
  - Strasbourg, Autumn part-session
  - Liverpool, 18-20 November (*subject to the authorisation of the Bureau*)

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
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The **Sub-Committee on the Media (Committee on Culture, Science and Education)** meeting in Strasbourg on 1 April 2003 with Mr Jařab in the chair:

- held an exchange of views on challenges facing the European audiovisual sector (Rapporteur Mrs Milotinova, Bulgaria, NR) with the participation of Mr Closs, Executive Director of the European Audiovisual Observatory;

- discussed an interim country-by-country report on freedom of expression presented by the General Rapporteur on the Media Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa and decided in particular to follow the issue of media coverage of the war in Iraq;

- paid tribute to Mrs Isohookana-Asunmaa who was leaving the Assembly for her work as a Sub-Committee Chairperson and as was General Rapporteur;

- was informed on Council of Europe activities in the media field by Mr Poirel, Head of the Media Division in DG II;

- was informed on the Council of Europe contribution to the World Summit on the Information Society (Geneva, 10-12 December 2003) by Mr Remmert, Coordinator for the Council of Europe;

- discussed its work programme;

- decided to meet in Strasbourg on the occasion of the next meeting of the Steering Committee on the Mass Media (CDMM), 14 May 2003.

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