

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

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The Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage (Committee on Culture, Science and Education) meeting in Strasbourg on 3 April 2003 with Mr Legendre in the chair:

- expressed concern for cultural heritage in Iraq as a result of the present war;
- discussed a preliminary draft report on the promotion of art history (Rapporteur Mr O'Hara, UK, SOC);
- expressed regret at the resignation of the General Rapporteur on Cultural Heritage (Mrs Melandri, Italy, SOC) and asked its Bureau to follow up specific issues pending the designation of a successor;
- asked its Chairman to forward to the President of the Italian delegation for comment a memorandum by Mrs Melandri on the privatisation of cultural property in Italy;
- asked Baroness Hooper to examine the question of EU structural funding of action relating to the cultural heritage ;
- decided to arrange fact-finding missions on the effects of the flooding in Central Europe (Prague) and on damage to the Armenian cultural heritage in Nakhichevan (Jugha);
- authorised its Chairman to write to the President of the Ukrainian delegation concerning new building in the proximity of St Sophia Cathedral (Kyiv);
- decided to resume its fact-finding missions on the situation of cultural heritage in individual countries of Central and Eastern Europe on the basis of a proposal made by Mrs Petrova-Mitevskva in relation to "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia";
- decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg on 19-20 June 2003 on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary Congress of Europa Nostra.

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