

Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire



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 May 2003 with Mr de Puig in the Chair:

- discussed a report on human stem cell research (Rapporteur: Mr Asciak, Malta, EPP), adopted a draft resolution and expressed the wish that this subject be debated by the Assembly at its June 2003 part-session;
- held an exchange of views on :
 - = tax incentives for cultural heritage conservation (Rapporteur: Baroness Hooper, UK, EDG) and decided to consider a preliminary draft recommendation and a preliminary draft resolution at its next meeting;
 - = the Council of Europe contribution to the European higher education area (Rapporteur: Mr Varela i Serra, Spain, LDR) and decided to consider a preliminary draft recommendation at its next meeting;
 - = combating terrorism through culture (Rapporteur: Mr Sudarenikov, Russia, SOC) and asked him to present a written report at its next meeting;
 - = education of refugees and displaced persons (Rapporteur: Mr Huseynov R, Azerbaijan, LDR);
- proposed Baroness Hooper as its second representative in the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to take part in the 4th Parliamentary Conference on the Stability Pact for South East Europe (Brussels, 21-22 May 2003);
- asked its Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics to consider the opportuneness of a report on the precautionary principle, pursuant to Order 566, and to propose a rapporteur for an opinion on genetically modified organisms;
- expressed concern at destruction of cultural property in Iraq, welcomed initiatives taken by Mr Legendre, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage and called for coordination of international action, including contact with the International Committee of the Blue Shield meeting held that day in Paris;

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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- made the following changes in the membership of its Sub-Committees:
 - Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage: Mr Jarab (alternate: Mr Ouzky)
 - Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics: MM Gaburro, Grissemann and Shybko as members and Mr Ouzky as alternate to Mr Mezihorak;
 - Sub-Committee on the Media: Mr Devinsky;
- decided to hold its next meetings as follows in:
 - Strasbourg during the Assembly's June part-session
 - Budapest, 10 September (subject to Bureau confirmation)
 - Strasbourg during the Assembly's September part-session
 - Paris, 17 October
 - Liverpool, 18-20 November (subject to Bureau authorisation)

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 parliamentary technology assessment (Rapporteur: Mr Tiuri, Finland, EPP) on the basis of an outline report on parliaments and the knowledge society presented by the Rapporteur;
- decided that it was not yet opportune to report on the precautionary principle;
- proposed Mrs Fernandez-Capel (Spain, EPP) rapporteur for an opinion on genetically modified organisms;
- left it to the Chairman to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

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