

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

SYNOPSIS N° 2003/080

24 JUNE 2003

The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Strasbourg on 23 and 24 June 2003 with Mr de Puig in the Chair:

- discussed a report on the promotion of art history in Europe (Rapporteur: Mr O'Hara, UK, SOC), adopted a draft recommendation and expressed the wish that this subject be debated by the Assembly at its September 2003 part-session;
- discussed a report on tax incentives for cultural heritage conservation (Rapporteur: Baroness Hooper, UK, EDG), adopted a draft recommendation and a draft resolution and expressed the wish that this subject be debated by the Standing Committee at its meeting in Maastricht on 25 November 2003;
- discussed a report on the Council of Europe contribution to the higher education area (Rapporteur: Mr Varela, Spain, LDR), adopted a draft recommendation and expressed the wish that this subject be debated by the Standing Committee at its meeting in Naples on 8 September 2003 and then presented to the Summit on higher education in Berlin on 18-19 September;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Alvaro Gil-Robles, Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner, on combating terrorism through culture (Rapporteur: Mr Sudarenkov, Russia, SOC) and decided to hold a hearing on this issue at its meeting in Liverpool;
- asked its chairman to request the reference back to the Committee of the report on human stem cell research, appointed Mr Wodarg rapporteur (Germany, SOC) and decided to consider a new report at its next meeting with a view to presenting it to the Assembly September part-session;
- appointed Mr O'Hara (UK, SOC) General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage and Mr Mooney (Ireland, LDR) General Rapporteur on the Media;
- postponed consideration of an opinion on North-South cultural co-operation (Rapporteur: Mr Braga, Portugal, SOC);
- discussed participation in the urgent procedure debate on the Council of Europe and the Convention on the Future of Europe;

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
The Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly

Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication and Research

Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- was informed by Mr Mooney of media problems in Russia and in Belarus and supported his decision to issue a press release on this matter in his capacity of General Rapporteur on the Media;
- heard reports by:
 - = Mr O'Hara on the local ceremony at the Laténium museum (Neuchatel, 9 May);
 - = Mr de Puig on the Stability Pact parliamentary Conference (Brussels, 21-22 May);
 - = Mr Varela on the Unesco Conference on Higher education (Oslo, 26-27 May) and on the Conference o relations between Unesco and parliamentarians (Ottawa, 13-14 June);
- designated representatives to forthcoming meetings;
- decided **not to meet as planned on Friday 27 June 2003 in Strasbourg**;
- decided not to meet on 25 or 26 September and confirmed other future meetings as follows:
 - Budapest EYCB, 10 September
 - Strasbourg, Autumn part-session
 - Paris, 17 October
 - Liverpool, 18-20 November

Christopher Grayson, João Ary, Bonnie Theophilova