

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

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The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting on 10 September 2003 in the European Youth Centre - Budapest where it was welcomed by Ms. Rothmund, Executive Director, with Mr de Puig in the Chair:

- discussed a report on *Human stem cell research* (Rapporteur: Mr Wodarg, Germany, SOC), unanimously adopted a draft resolution and took note that this subject was scheduled for debate on 2 October, the last day of the autumn part-session;
- held a Hearing on *Education of refugees and displaced persons in Europe* (Rapporteur : Mr Huseynov R., Azerbaijan, LDR) with the participation of Prof. Michael Daxner, consultant expert, former Head of Education in UNMIK, a group of young refugees and representatives of UNHCR, the Hungarian Government and NGOs;
- heard a presentation by Dr. Howard Williamson, consultant expert on youth sub-cultures, on "Respect or regulation? responding to cultural expressions of young people" and held an exchange of views on Youth Culture and Artistic Expression;
- decided to support a proposal by Mr. Jarab, Chairman of its Sub-Committee on the Media, that the Assembly hold an urgent procedure debate on Public Service Broadcasting at its autumn part-session;
- thanked Mrs Petrova-Mitevka for the invitation to the Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage to meet in Skopje and Stobi on 8-9 October subject to the authorisation of the Bureau,
- appointed Mrs Petrova-Mitevka ("the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", SOC) Rapporteur on *Diaspora Cultures* in place of Mr. Galoyan and took note that the Bureau had agreed its request to extend the reference for one year to 8 November 2004.;
- appointed Mr Shybko (Ukraine, SOC) Rapporteur for an opinion on *Teenagers in distress*;
- added the following to the membership of its Sub-Committees:
 - Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage: Mr Dacic
 - Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics: Mr McNamara and Mr Olin
 - Sub-Committee on the Media: Mr Dacic and Mrs Dromberg
- heard reports by:
 - the Chairman on the meeting of the President with Committee chair (Strasbourg, 25 June),

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

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- Mr O'Hara on the launch of the European Heritage Days (Dublin et Glendalough, 5-6 September),
- the Chairman and Mr O'Hara on the Standing Committee (Naples, 8 September);
- was informed by Mr Dacic on the destruction of cultural and historic Christian Orthodox heritage in the region of Kosovo and asked the General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage to look into the matter;
- was informed by Mr Korobeynikov on the risk of commonly used models of education to the health of students;
- designated representatives to forthcoming meetings;
 - Mr Abbasov : Third South-Caucasus Ministerial Colloquy (Antalya, 18-20 September) ;
 - Mr Prisacaru : CD-ED (Strasbourg, 22-23 September) ;
 - Mr Varela : Unesco General Conference and the Unesco-IPU meeting (Paris, 6 October) ;
 - Mr O'Hara : Prix Europa ceremony (Berlin, 18 October) ;
 - Mr de Puig : Colloquy of European Ministers of Culture (Opatija, 20-22 October) ;
 - Mrs Petrova-Mitevaska: EMF Seminar on the "European Diaspora" (Prato, 23-25 October)
 - Mr Varela : EPTA Conference on Research on humans (Bern, 27-28 October) ;
- took note that Mr Sudarenikov would attend the International Conference on National Trusts (Edinburgh, 15-19 September 2003);
- decided to hold its next meetings as follows in:
 - Strasbourg during the Assembly's Autumn part-session
 - Paris, 17 October
 - Liverpool, 18-20 November

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