

Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION (SUB COMMITTEE ON THE MEDIA)

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The **Sub-Committee on the Media (Committee on Culture, Science and Education)** meeting in Bucharest, Romania on 19-20 September 2003 with Mr Jařab in the chair:

- discussed its work programme and, in particular, decided that an interim report on different aspects of press freedom in Europe by the General Rapporteur on the Media should be an item on its agenda for meetings held in Strasbourg during part-sessions and that representatives of both the ruling and opposition parties of the countries covered by these reports should be invited for discussion;

- regretted the lack of coordination between the different sectors and instances of the Council of Europe issuing statements on press freedom;

- considered that the Motion for a Resolution on the persecution of the press in the Republic of Belarus (Doc. 9859) should have been referred to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education in the light of all its work on this topic and instructed its Chairman to request a change of reference;

- took note that the Committee on Culture, Science and Education had decided to support a proposal by its Chairman Mr. Jarab, that the Assembly hold an urgent procedure debate on Public Service Broadcasting at its autumn part-session;

- took part in the Conference of the IPI/Radio Romania on "How to guarantee independent public service broadcasting" (Bucharest, 19-20 September 2003);

- decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 16 October 2003.

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