

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 30 September 2003 with Mr Legendre in the chair:

- was informed by Mr Ballester, outgoing Director of Culture and of the Cultural and Natural Heritage, DG IV, of the Council of Europe's Regional programme for cultural and natural heritage in South-East Europe;
- further to the discussion in the full committee in Budapest on 10 September asked Mr O'Hara to conduct a study visit on the cultural heritage of Kosovo on 9-10 October;
- with regard to the cultural heritage in Iraq, took note of the motion for a recommendation on protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict (Doc. 9868), welcomed the fact that Unesco was to adopt a declaration on the subject and decided to continue to follow developments;
- heard an interim report by Mr O'Hara as General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage and with special reference to cultural heritage in the South Caucasus, in Cyprus, in Portugal (Madeira), in Romania (Rosia Montana), in Russia (St Petersburg) and to the wreck of the UK warship HMS Sussex;
- in response to further information from Mr Jarab, asked Mr O'Hara to review the damage caused by last year's floods to cultural property in the Czech Republic;
- was informed by Baroness Hooper, Chair of the European Foundation for Heritage Crafts (FEMP), of her continuing concern for the Foundation's future;
- decided to cancel the meeting foreseen in Paris on 16 October if no representative of the major auction houses was prepared to exchange views on Mr Legendre's report on the trade in African cultural objects;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Skopje on 8-9 October 2003.

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