

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

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The Committee on Culture, Science and Education, meeting in Strasbourg on 2 October 2003, with Mr de Puig in the Chair:

- took position on 10 amendments to the draft resolution on human stem cell research;
- welcomed the proposal of the President of the Assembly to prepare a debate on *public service broadcasting* for the January part-session 2004, appointed Mr Mooney (Ireland, LDR) rapporteur and asked its Sub-Committee on the Media to hold a hearing on the subject on 16 October in Paris;
- took note of reports by:
 - ✓ Mr Varela i Serra on the *Conference of European Ministers responsible for Higher Education* (Berlin, 18-19 September);
 - ✓ Mr Abbasov on the meeting of the *Ministers of Culture in the South Caucasus* (Antalya, 18-20 September);
- was informed by Mrs Reich, DG IV, on the *21th session of the Standing Conference of European Ministers of Education* (Athens, 10-12 November) and decided to set up an ad hoc sub-committee to attend, subject to the authorisation of the Assembly Bureau;
- added the following to the membership of its standing sub-committees;
 - ✓ on the Cultural Heritage: MM. Falzon (Malta) and Kocharian (Armenia),
 - ✓ on Science and ethics: MM. Falzon (Malta) and Podgorski (Poland),
 - ✓ on the Media: Mr Kocharian (Armenia)
 - ✓ on Youth and Sport: Mr Kucheida (France) and Mrs Damanaki (Greece);
- confirmed the designation of the following rapporteurs:
 - ✓ Mr Varela I Serra: *Parliaments' capacity to respond to the challenges of the knowledge society*
 - ✓ Mrs Westerlund Panke: *Request for opinion from the Committee of Ministers on a Draft Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedecine, on Biomedical Research*

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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- took note of the replies by the Committee of Ministers to Assembly Recommendations
 - ✓ 1586 (2002) – *Youth policies in the Council of Europe*
 - ✓ 1586 (2002) – *The digital divide and education*
 - ✓ 1589 (2003) – *Freedom of expression in the media in Europe*
 - ✓ 1590 (2003) *Cultural co-operation between Europe and the south Mediterranean countries;*

- designated the following representatives:
 - ✓ Mr O'Hara: *Study visit to Kosovo* (9-10 October)
 - ✓ Mr Mooney : *CDMM and Conference on Digital TV* (Rome, 3-7 November)
 - ✓ Mr Smorawinski: *WADA European Coordination Forum* (Strasbourg, 5 November)
 - ✓ Mrs Agudo and Mr Mooney : *Symposium "Young people and democratic institutions* (Strasbourg, 27-28 November)
 - ✓ Mr Varela i Serra: *European Science Foundation* (Strasbourg, 27-28 November)

- decided to hold its next meetings in
 - ✓ Paris, 17 October (Council of Europe Office)
 - ✓ Liverpool, 18-19 November
 - ✓ Paris, 9 January 2004 (WEU headquarters)

The Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport meeting on 1 October with Mr Banks and Mrs Agudo alternatively in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views on a preliminary draft report on *gays and lesbians in sport* (rapporteur: Mr Banks, UK, SOC) with the participation of Mr Özyavuz, Sports Department, and asked the rapporteur to prepare a final version for the meeting of the full Committee on 17 October;

- heard a presentation by Mr Ingledow, Directorate of Youth, on the coming statutory meetings and on the Symposium "*Young People and democratic institutions : from disillusionment to participation*" (Strasbourg, 27-28 November 2003) to which it designated Mrs Agudo and Mr Mooney;

- heard a presentation by Mr Agudo on the Seminar on "*Young Women's participation in political life*" (Strasbourg, 16-17 September)

- proposed Mr Smorawinski to represent it at the first meeting of the *European Coordination Forum for the World Antidoping Agency* (Strasbourg, 5 November 2003);

- left it to the Chair to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

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