

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

**SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**

**SYNOPSIS N° 2003/131**

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The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Paris on 17 October 2003 with Mr de Puig in the Chair:

- discussed a report on education of refugees and internally displaced persons (Rapporteur: Mr Rafael Huseynov, Azerbaijan, LDR), and adopted a draft recommendation ;
- discussed a report on lesbians and gays in sport (Rapporteur: Mr Banks, UK, SOC), adopted a draft recommendation and expressed the wish that this subject be debated by the Standing Committee at its meeting in Maastricht on 25 November 2003;
- held an exchange of views on the Committee's opinion on the report of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee on teenagers in distress (Rapporteur, Mr Shybko, Ukraine, SOC) and asked the Rapporteur to present a draft at the Committee's next meeting;
- heard a presentation by Mr Jaume Pages, Chief Executive Officer, on the Universal Forum of Cultures (Barcelona, May-September 2004) and held an exchange of views on the possible participation of the Committee in the Forum;
- supported the views of its Chairman with regard to the respective roles of general committees and the Bureau and with a view of a meeting between the Assembly Bureau and the Chairpersons of Committees in Paris, on 6 November 2004;
- asked the Chairman to seek a change of the proposed reference of the motion for a recommendation on education for leisure activities (Doc 9950) to the Committee only for information;
- regretted the poor quality of certain replies of the Committee of Ministers either to Assembly recommendations or to written or oral parliamentary questions;

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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- heard reports by:
  - Mr Varela i Serra on the Unesco/IPU meeting on relations between Unesco and parliamentarians (Paris, 6 October);
  - Mr de Puig on the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage in Skopje and Stobi (8-9 October);
  - Mr Mooney on the hearing on public service broadcasting organised by the Sub-Committee on the Media (Paris, 16 October);
- appointed Mr de Puig (Spain, SOC), Mr Prisacaru (Romania, SOC) and a third member (of a different political group) to the ad hoc sub-committee to participate in the 21th session of the Standing Conference of European Ministers of Education in Athens on 10-12 November;
- designated representatives to forthcoming meetings;
- confirmed its next meetings as follows:
  - Liverpool, 18-20 November 2003,
  - Paris, 9 January 2004 (WEU)

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The **Sub-Committee on the Media** (Committee on Culture, Science and Education) meeting in Paris on 16 October 2003 with Mr Jařab in the chair:

- held a Hearing on Public Service Broadcasting in Europe (Rapporteur Mr Paschal Mooney, Ireland, LDR), with the participation of the Consultant Expert, Mr Karol Jakubowicz, Adviser to the Chairman of the National Broadcasting Council (Poland), International Organisations, Public and Commercial Broadcasters and NGOs;
- heard a presentation by the General Rapporteur on the Media, Mr Mooney, on media problems in Azerbaijan, Ireland, Italy and Russia and:
  - instructed him to send a letter to the Azeri delegation enquiring about the dismissal of a local journalist from the State University;
  - took note of the exchange of correspondence between him and the Irish Minister for Justice regarding reported recommendations to set up a Statutory Press Council and instructed him to continue to monitor the situation;
  - instructed him to make appropriate contacts while in Rome for the CDMM;
  - instructed him to make a visit to Russia to enquire about the media situation.
- expressed its dissatisfaction with the reply from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1589 (2003) on freedom of expression in the media in Europe and, in particular, reaffirmed the PACE position that all the findings of the Committee of Ministers monitoring exercise on freedom of expression and information should be made public;
- left it to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

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