

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

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The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Liverpool on 19 November 2003 with Baroness Hooper and Mr Smorawinski in the Chair:

- approved a report on *ending the plundering of African cultural objects* (Rapporteur: Mr Legendre, France, EDG), adopted a draft recommendation and expressed the wish that it be debated at the January 2004 Assembly part-session;
- approved an opinion on *teenagers in distress: a social and health-based approach to youth malaise* (Rapporteur: Mr Shybko, Ukraine, SOC) and adopted two amendments to the draft recommendation presented by the Committee on Social, Health and Family Affairs;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Jean Petaux, Lecturer of Political Sciences (University of Bordeaux) on *combating terrorism through culture* (Rapporteur: Mr Sudarenkov, Russia, SOC);
- held an exchange of views with Mr Mick Ord, Managing Editor, Radio Merseyside, BBC, on *public service broadcasting* (Rapporteur: Mr Mooney, Ireland, LDR);
- took position on amendments presented by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development on *tax incentives for cultural heritage conservation* (Rapporteur: Baroness Hooper, United Kingdom, EDG) and adopted two supplementary amendments;
- took position on amendments presented by the Committee on Equal Opportunities to its draft recommendation on *lesbians and gays insPort* (Rapporteur: Mr Banks, United Kingdom, SOC);
- heard presentations on the *Liverpool cultural scene* by:
 - Amy de Joia and Sharon Granville, assistant Directors, National Museums of Liverpool, on Museums and conservation policy and
 - Sir Bob Scott, Executive Chairman of the Liverpool Culture Company, on the European Cultural Capital 2008;
- postponed an exchange of views on *education for Europe* in the absence of the rapporteur Mr. Prisacaru (Romania, SOC);

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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- heard reports by:
 - Mr Mooney on the meetings of the Steering Committee on Mass Media and his contacts in Rome (3-5 November);
 - Mr Smorawinski on the European Forum of the World Anti-Doping Agency (Strasbourg, 5 November);
 - Mr Korobeynikov on the Standing Conference of European Ministers of Education (Athens, 10-12 November);
 - the Secretariat on the European Parliament Technology Assessment Network Conference on research on humans (Bern, 27-28 November) and the European Cultural Foundation Seminar on Euro-Med cultural co-operation (Toledo, 13-16 November);
- appointed Mr Baciu (Romania, SOC) as Rapporteur for an opinion on the *persecution of the press in the Republic of Belarus* and proposed that he accompany the Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee on a fact-finding visit to Minsk;
- designated the following representatives:
 - Mr Braga to the Executive Council of the North-South Centre (Lisbon, 23 November)
 - Mr Jarab, Mr Abbasov and Mr Gentil to the IPU Parliamentary Forum taking place in the framework of the World Summit on the Information Society (Geneva, 10-12 December);
- appointed further members to its sub-committees:
 - Sub Committee on Science and Ethics: Mr Kocharyan (alternate: Mr Geghamyan) (Armenia) and Mr Dees (Netherlands)
 - Sub-Committee on the Media: Mrs. Reps (Estonia)
 - Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport: Mrs. Reps (Estonia);
- authorised its Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage to decide on the *Council of Europe Museum Prize* at its meeting on 4 December;
- confirmed the decision to hold its next meeting on 9 January 2004 in Paris (WEU);
- visited the:
 - Maritime Museum
 - Tate Liverpool
 - Conservation Centre
 - Walker Gallery.

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