

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 Paris on 4 December 2003 with Mr Legendre in the chair:

- held an exchange of views on the European museum awards (Rapporteur Mr O'Hara, United Kingdom, SOC) with the Chairman of the European Museum Forum, Mr van der Weiden;
- decided on the award of the 2004 Council of Europe Museum Prize to the Museum of Health Care, Edirne, Turkey and took note that the ceremony would be held in Strasbourg on 27 April 2004;
- was informed by Mrs Petrova-Mitevskva ("the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", SOC) on the EMF workshop on the European diaspora (Prato, Italy, 23-25 October 2003) and took note of the conclusions;
- following its previous meeting in Skopje on 8-9 October, discussed further steps in the preparation of new legislation relating to cultural heritage in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", together with Mr de Thyse, Regional Programme Coordinator, DG IV;
- discussed the situation of cultural heritage in Kosovo on the basis of a report prepared by Mr O'Hara, as General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage, on his study visit of 9-10 October 2003 and hoped that this might be presented to the Assembly on the occasion of a future debate on Kosovo;
- was informed orally by Mr O'Hara on other heritage issues including Cyprus, Marathon (Greece), and Iraq and discussed the preparation of a study visit to the South Caucasus in the spring of 2004;
- heard a statement from Mr Prisacaru on recent mining development affecting the historic gold mines in Rosia Montana (Romania);

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- was informed by Mr Massué on the activities of the PACT networks (chemical and physical techniques in archaeology) including study of prehistoric art and climate change in the Sahara, training restoration workers in Kosovo, non-destructive marking of art objects to prevent illicit trade, and the recent expedition from Paris to Kaboul (August-September);
- designated Baroness Hooper (United Kingdom, EDG) rapporteur on the privatisation of cultural property;
- visited the exhibition on Botticelli in the Musée du Luxembourg under the guidance of Mrs Dossier-Carzou (Adviser, French Senate);
- discussed its work programme for 2004;
- decided to hold its next (constitutive) meeting in Strasbourg during the coming part-session, 26-30 January 2004.

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