

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

**SYNOPSIS N° 2004/40**

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The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Paris and Lille on 18-19 March 2004 with Mr. de Puig in the Chair:

- adopted a draft opinion on the *Additional Protocol on Biomedical Research* (Rapporteur: Mrs Westerlund Panke, Sweden, SOC) and took note that it was proposed for debate in the April 2004 Assembly part-session;
- approved a report on the *protection of the cultural heritage in Kosovo* (General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage: Mr O'Hara, UK, SOC), decided to table it as an information report, deeply deplored the outbreak of violence in Kosovo and the targeting of cultural buildings and decided to issue a press release on this subject;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Gottfried Wagner, Director of the European Cultural Foundation with the participation of Mrs Battaini-Dragoni, Director General *a.i.* for Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe, on the activities of the Foundation and on the future of cultural co-operation in Europe;
- had further discussion on *education for Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Prisacaru, Romania, SOC);
- had further discussion on *diaspora cultures* (Rapporteur: Mrs Petrova-Mitevskva, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", SOC) and asked the Rapporteur to present a draft report at a forthcoming meeting;
- held a first exchange of views on *comparative study of religions and intercultural dialogue* (Rapporteur: Mr Schneider, France, EPP/CD) and decided to adopt a wide approach to the subject of religion and education;
- regretted that it was no longer represented as a full member on the Executive Council of the North-South Centre;
- was informed by the Chairman on the meeting of the Standing Committee of 3 March 2004 and decided to request changes in several references;

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- appointed the following rapporteurs:
  - Mr Korobeynikov, Russia, SOC, on *European education and harmonious development of students* (Doc. 10055),
  - Lord Russell-Johnston, UK, LDR, on the *cultural situation of the Kurds* (Doc. 10089),
  - Mr Jarab, Czech Republic, LDR, on *academic freedom, university autonomy and human rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> century* (Doc. 10087),
  - Mrs Muttonen, Austria, SOC, to replace Mr Baciu for an opinion on the *persecution of the press in the Republic of Belarus*,
- asked the Chairman to look into the opportuneness of reporting on *education reform in Latvia* (Doc. 10076);
- authorised its rapporteurs Mr Mooney, Lord Russell-Johnston and Mr O'Hara to conduct study visits;
- appointed further members of its sub-committees:
  - Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage: Mr Geghamyan as an alternate to Mr Kocharyan;
  - Sub-Committee on the Media: Mr Walter as a member and Mr Geghamyan as an alternate to Mr Kocharyan;
- at the invitation of Mr Legendre, made a study visit to the Museum of Fine Arts of Cambrai, the Matisse Museum in Cateau-Cambrésis and to Museum of Fine Arts in Lille in the context of "Lille European Capital of Culture 2004";
- decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the Assembly April 2004 part-session.

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The **Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics** meeting in Paris on 17 March 2004 with Mr Varela i Serra in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views on *parliaments and the knowledge society* (Rapporteur: Mr Randegger, Switzerland, LDR) with the participation of Mr Claude Birraux, Chairman of the French Parliamentary Office for Evaluation of Scientific and Technological Options (OPECST);
- took note of an outline report on *genetically modified organisms* by the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs (Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Fernandez-Capel, Spain, EPP/CD);
- held an exchange of views on the future of scientific research in Europe introduced by the Chairman;
- paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman, Mr Varela, for his dedicated work;
- left it to the Vice-Chairperson to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

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