

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

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The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Paris on 9 September 2004 with Mr de Puig in the chair

- held a minute's silence in memory of the victims of the school in Beslan;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres, French Minister of Culture and Communication;
- held a hearing on cultural diversity with the participation of:

Mr Ivan Bernier, Québec,  
Mrs Katérina Stenou, Unesco  
Mrs Battaini-Dragoni and Mrs Roth, Council of Europe  
and the French Minister

- discussed its contribution to the debate on *the activities of the OECD* (Rapporteur: Mr Legendre, France, EPP/CD) and regretted that this Organisation was not represented at this meeting;

- held an exchange of views on *education and religion* (Rapporteur: Mr Schneider, France, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Alain Mouchoux, European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) and decided to organise a hearing on this question with representatives from different religions;

- discussed a report on *combating terrorism through culture* (Rapporteur: Mr Sudarenkov, Russia, SOC) and decided to return to this question at its next meeting in the light of the decisions taken on the holding of an urgent debate on terrorism during the October part-session;

- heard reports on intervening meetings by:

Mr. O'Hara on his study visit to Rosia Montana (Romania, 12-14 July 2004);  
Mr. de Puig on the launching of European Heritage Days (Barcelona, 3-4 September 2004);  
Mr. de Puig on the meetings of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (Oslo, 7 September 2004);

- appointed Mr. Lengagne (France, SOC) rapporteur on *student disaffection for scientific studies* (Doc. 10169);

- designated representatives to forthcoming meetings:

= Mr. Livaneli to the local ceremony at the Health Care Museum in Edirne (27 September 2004);  
= Baroness Hooper to the Ministerial Conference on Cultural Co-operation in the South Caucasus (30 September-1 October 2004, Moscow);

CC. Secretary General of the Assembly  
The Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly  
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Secretary of the Committee of Ministers  
Director of Communication and Research

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- = Mr. Lengagne to the conference of EPTA (25-26 October 2004, Paris)
- = Mr. Mooney to the CDMM (3-4 November 2004, Strasbourg)
- = Mr. de Puig to the Conference of European Ministers of Culture (9-11 December 2004, Wroclaw);

- was informed by Mr Berceanu of the critical situation of Moldovan schools in Transnistria and decided to return to the matter at its next meeting;
- was informed by Mrs. Papadimitriou that the Church of Agios Mamas had been the subject of a bomb attack and asked the General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage to follow this issue;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the Assembly October 2004 part-session (4–8 October 2004) and expressed its interest in meeting in Mexico and Rostock (Germany) in 2005.

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