

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

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The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Strasbourg on 4 and 7 October 2004 with Mr. de Puig in the Chair:

- approved a report on *Diaspora cultures* (Rapporteur: Mrs Petrova-Mitevskva, “the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia”, SOC) and expressed the wish that it be debated by the Standing Committee in Warsaw on 23 November 2004;
- approved a contribution to the debate on *OECD and the world economy* (Rapporteur: Mr Legendre, France EPP/CD) and adopted an amendment to the text prepared by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development;
- approved a report on *Combating terrorism with culture* (Rapporteur: Mr Sudarenkov, Russia, SOC), regretted that the Assembly Bureau had not supported its proposal to include this report in the proposed debate under urgent procedure on Challenge of terrorism in Council of Europe member states and agreed that it be presented at the meeting of the Standing Committee in Warsaw;
- took note that there were no amendments to the draft recommendation on *education to Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Prisacaru, Romania, SOC);
- took note of a motion for a recommendation, a written question to the Committee of Ministers and a press release on the situation of *Moldovan schools in Transnistria* and decided to come back to this issue;
- was informed by Mr Jarab on the situation of the European Humanities University in Minsk further to its closure by the Belarus authorities and asked him to attend a meeting of the sub-committee on Belarus of the Political Affairs Committee on 8 October;
- postponed discussion on harmonious development of students (Rapporteur: Mr Korobeynikov, Russia, SOC) and took note of a questionnaire that the rapporteur had sent to European ministers of Education;
- appointed the following members of sub-committees:
 - Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage: Mrs Rugate as member and Mrs Becerril as an alternate to Mrs Serna;
 - Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics: Mr Huss;
 - Sub-Committee on the Media: Mrs Brasseur;
 - Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport: Mrs Brasseur (Mr Huss alternate) and Mrs Damanaki;
- appointed representatives to forthcoming meetings:

- decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - in Paris on 2 December 2004, to include a hearing on education and religion
 - In Mexico from 15 to 18 January 2005, subject to the authorisation of the Assembly Bureau.

The **Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage** meeting on 5 October 2004 with Mr Legendre in the chair

- held an exchange of views with a delegation of the *Pan-African Parliament* led by its President, Hon Gertrude Mongella
- discussed a report by Mr O'Hara (General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage) on development projects affecting the historic gold mines in the region of *Rosia Montana* (Romania)
- examined the reply of the Committee of Ministers to Rec 1621 (2003) on the promotion of art history in Europe;
- was informed by Mr Théron, Head of the Cultural Heritage Division (DG IV), on the recent meetings of Europa Nostra (The Hague, 30 September – 1 October 2004) and on difficulties in the preparation of the *European Framework Convention on the Cultural Heritage*;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 2 December 2004 with special reference to the Council of Europe Museum Prize and international instruments relating to the cultural heritage.

The **Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics** meeting in Strasbourg on 5 October 2004 with Mrs Westerlund-Panke in the Chair:

- heard a report by Mr Randegger on the conference organised by the Association of members of the Swedish Parliament and researchers (RIFO) on Trust and mistrust in modern society (Stockholm, 24 August 2004);
- discussed follow up to Assembly resolution 1393 on *parliaments and the knowledge society*;
- decided to consider the organisation in 2005 of a colloquy on technology assessment in central and eastern Europe, in cooperation with the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) network;
- was informed by the Secretariat on meetings of EPTA Network Directors (Paris, 29-30 March and 27 September);
- discussed its work programme;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 25-26 October on the occasion of the EPTA Conference on *"How to accelerate the research and innovation effort in Europe?"*.

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