

# Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire



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 2 December 2004 with Baroness Hooper, First Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- decided to award the Council of Europe Museum Prize for 2005 to the Museum of Byzantine Culture, Thessaloniki, Greece (Rapporteur: Mr O'Hara, United Kingdom, SOC) and took note that the award ceremony would take place in Strasbourg on 26 April 2005;
- held a *hearing on education and religion* (Rapporteur: Mr Schneider, France, EPP/CD) with the participation of:
  - Bishop Athanasios, Greek Orthodox Church, Brussels
  - Father Gilbert Caffin, European Committee for Catholic Teaching, Paris
  - Grand Rabbi René Gutman, Chief Rabbi of Strasbourg and Bas-Rhin
  - Rt Revd Peter Hullah, Anglican Bishop of Ramsbury
  - Imam Tareq Oubrou, Rector of the Bordeaux Mosque and President of the Association of French Imams
  - Pastor Markus Schäfer, German Evangelical Christuskirche
- heard reports by:
  - Baroness Hooper on the 4th Ministerial Conference of the *STAGE Project*, Moscow, 30 September - 1 October 2004;
  - Mr O'Hara on the presentation ceremony of *Prix Europa*, Potsdam, 23 October 2004 and took note that the TV Current Affairs prize donated by the Parliamentary Assembly had been awarded to France 2 for the documentary "*The origins of AIDS*";
  - Mr Mooney on:
    - = the *in camera* meeting of the Ministers' Deputies of 21 October 2004 devoted to monitoring *freedom of expression and information*, regretted that this monitoring would be discontinued and expressed the wish that dialogue on this subject between the Assembly and the Committee of Ministers could be continued and in a more open way,
    - = the meeting of the *CDMM*, Strasbourg, 2-5 November 2004,
    - = his meeting with the *OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media* Miklos Haraszti on 4 November 2004 and supported the idea of inviting Mr Haraszti to one of its future meetings;
  - Lord Russell-Johnston on the conference on the *EU, Turkey and the Kurds* organised by NGOs in the European Parliament (Brussels, 22-23 November);
- instructed the Committee Chairman to write to the Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure with regard to the *terms of reference* of Assembly committees;

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- appointed the following rapporteurs,
  - Mr Legendre, France, EPP/CD for opinion of the Third Council of Europe Summit;
  - Mr Huseynov, Azerbaijan, LDR, on the European Journalism University;
- decided to deal with the motions on the *education reform in Latvia and on education in the Transnistrian region* of the Republic of Moldova in the framework of a broader report on education in mother tongue and appointed Mr Legendre, France, EPP/CD, Rapporteur;
- asked the Sub-Committee on the Media to propose a Rapporteur on *media and terrorism* (Doc. 10318) and decided to hold a hearing on the subject in the first half of 2005;
- decided to consider, for information only, the motion on the *situation of Fenno-Ugric and Samoyed peoples* (Doc. 10314) in the light of Assembly Resolution 1171 (1998) on endangered Uralic minority cultures;
- took note of the motions on *Aramaic - the language of Jesus* (Doc. 10323) and on the expediency of the establishment of the Council of Europe museum (Doc. 10329);
- designated *representatives* to forthcoming meetings:
  - Baroness Hooper to the Ministerial conference to launch celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the European Cultural Convention (Wroclaw, 9-10 December 2004);
  - Mrs Milotinoва to the Council of Europe launching Conference of the European Year of Citizenship through Education (Sofia, 13-14 December 2004);
  - Mr Legendre to the meeting of the Political Affairs Committee (Paris, 14 December 2004);
- took note of the *meetings of the Sub-Committees* on Youth and Sport (Poznan, 16-17 September 2004); on Science and Ethics (Paris, 25-26 October 2004) and on Cultural Heritage (Paris, 2 December 2004);
- decided to issue Mr. O'Hara's report on *Rosia Montana* as an information report;
- thanked Mr Prisacaru, Second Vice-Chair and Mr Mooney, General Rapporteur on the Media, who were leaving the Assembly, for their contribution to the work of the Committee;
- confirmed its decision to hold its next meeting in Mexico and Oaxaca on 16-18 January 2005.

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**The Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage** meeting earlier in Paris on 2 December 2004 with Mr Legendre in the chair:

- held an exchange of views with Mr Mounir Bouchenaki, Assistant Director General for Culture, *Unesco*;
- held an exchange of views on the draft Council of Europe *Framework Convention* on the value of the cultural heritage with Mrs Jelka Pirkovic, Chairperson of the Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage;
- agreed a final version of the information report by Mr O'Hara (General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage) relating to a gold mining project at *Rosia Montana* (Romania) and was informed of enquiries he was making into the closure of the *Zemaljski Museum* (Sarajevo) and the collapse of the emergency plan for heritage preservation in *Kosovo*;
- with regard to the European museum awards, was informed on the activities of the European Museum Forum by its Chairman, Mr Wim van der Weiden; was informed by Mr Livaneli on the local ceremony held on 27 September in the Health Care Museum, Edirne (winner of the 2004 Council of Europe Museum Prize) and discussed the museums short-listed for the *2005 Council of Europe Museum Prize*;
- decided to hold its next meeting during the next part-session of the Assembly (Strasbourg 24-28 January 2005)

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