



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

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The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Mexico on 16-18 January 2005 with Mr de Puig in the chair

- approved an opinion by Mrs Fernandez-Capel (Spain, EPP/CD) on *genetically modified organisms (GMOs)* and adopted amendments to the draft resolution presented by the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs (Doc. 10380);
- approved an opinion by Mr Legendre (France, EPP/CD) on *the Third Council of Europe summit* and adopted amendments to the provisional draft recommendation presented by the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 10381 prov.);
- agreed on the main lines of an opinion to be presented by Mr de Puig (Spain, SOC) on *the establishment of a European remembrance centre for victims of forced population movements and ethnic cleansing* (Doc. 10378);
- heard a report by Baroness Hooper on the Opening Conference for the 50th Anniversary of the European Convention (Wroclaw, 9-12 December 2004)
- held an exchange of views on cultural policy in Mexico and Europe with members of the Mexican Observer delegation led by Senator Fernando Margáin Berlanga and with:
 - Senator Diego Fernández de Cevallos, President of the Senate Board of Directors
 - Mr Gomes-Marin Fuentes, Deputy-Minister of Public Education
 - Mr Juan Ramón de la Fuente, Director of the National Autonomous University of Mexico
 - Mrs Xóchitl Gálvez, General Director, Indigenous Peoples Development Commission
 - Mrs Beatriz Solis, President of the Mexican Association for the Right to Information;
- held study visits to the National Anthropology Museum (Mexico City); Teotihuacan Archaeological Area, Monte Alban, the Church and Museum of Santo Domingo (Oaxaca);
- was received in Oaxaca by Governor Ulises Ruiz Ortiz;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the Assembly January 2005 part-session (24-28 January).

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