



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 17 March 2005 with Mr Legendre, Baroness Hooper and Mr Jarab alternating in the Chair:

- held a *hearing on Media and terrorism* (Rapporteur Mr Jarab, Czech Republic, LDR) with the participation of:
 - Jo Groebel, Director-General of the European Institute for the Media, Düsseldorf) ;
 - Georges Malbrunot, Journalist, Figaro, Paris;
 - Vit Pohanka, Journalist, Czech radio;
 - Timur Aliev, Editor, Chechen Society;
 - Stephen Whittle, Controller, Editorial Policy, BBC;
 - Mohamed Krichen, TV Presenter and member of the editorial board, Al-Jazeera, Qatar;
 - Francisco Gor, Editorialist, El Pais, Spain;
 - Jorge Pegado Liz, Member of the High Authority on Mass Media of Portugal;
 - Sylvie Genevoix, member of the High Authority on Mass Media of France (CSA);
 - Abdelillah Benarafa, Directorate of Culture and Communication, ISESCO;
 - Agnès Callamard, Executive Director, Article 19;

and decided to prepare a report on the subject for debate in the June part session of the Assembly;

- held an exchange of views on the *cultural situation of the Kurds* on the basis of an outline report presented by Lord Russell-Johnston (UK, LDR) and authorised the Rapporteur to seek to visit representatives of Kurdish communities in Iran, Iraq and Syria;
- held an exchange of views on the *Stability Pact for South-East Europe* in the context of the PACE's chairmanship of the Parliamentary Troika, decided to organise a colloquy on education in the autumn 2005 in the area of the stability pact; set up an ad hoc Sub-Committee composed of Mrs Petrova-Mitevaska, Mrs Muttonen, Mr de Puig, Mr Berceanu, Mr Gross and Mr Legendre (ex-officio); appointed Mrs Muttonen (Austria, SOC) Rapporteur and asked her to make concrete proposals at the next meeting;
- was informed by the Chairman on his talks with the President of the Assembly and welcomed the President's support for its field of activity;

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- was informed by the Chairman on contacts with the *European Union* and agreed to meet in Strasbourg on 11 May for exchanges of views with Mr Jan Figel, EU Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Multilingualism, and with different structures of the European Parliament relevant to its field of activity;
- proposed Mr Zingeris as its representative in the European Committee against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI);
- proposed Mr de Puig as a further member of the ad hoc sub-committee of the Bureau for the International Day for the Elimination of Racist Discrimination organised by ECRI (Paris, 21 March);
- designated the following representatives:
 - Mrs Muttonen to the ad hoc Committee of Experts for the European Year of Citizenship through Education (CAHCIT, Strasbourg, 4-5 April) ;
 - Mr Legendre to a meeting of the Rapporteur group on Culture of the Ministers deputies (GR-C, Strasbourg, 12 April) ;
 - Mrs Brasseur to the Second Ministerial Seminar on teaching memory through the cultural heritage (Cracow-Auschwitz-Birkenau, 4-5/6 May) ;
 - Mr O'Hara to the European Museum of the Year Award ceremony (Brussels, 7 May) ;
 - Mr Zingeris to the Europa Nostra Council and conference on « coastline heritage » (Bergen, 2-3 June).
- paid tribute to the work of Mr Pedro Roseta, former Chairman, who had been a loyal supporter of the Assembly for more than 20 years and congratulated Mr Antonio Braga on his appointment of as Secretary of State in the Portuguese government;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the Assembly part-session (25-29 April 2005.)

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