

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

23 JUNE 2005

Committee on Culture, Science and Education

The full Committee, meeting in Strasbourg on 20 and 21 June 2005, with Mr Legendre in the chair:

- approved a report on *education for leisure activities* (rapporteur: Mr Smorawinski, Poland, EPP/CD) and expressed the wish that it be presented to the meeting of the Standing Committee on 1 September 2005;
- took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft recommendation on *media and terrorism* (rapporteur: Mr Jarab, Czech Republic, ALDE);
- welcomed the liberation of the French and Romanian journalists who had been held hostage in Iraq;
- held an exchange of views on the follow-up to the Council of Europe *Third Summit* of Heads of State and Government with Ambassador Ter Stepanian, Chairman of the Ministers' Deputies Rapporteur Group on Culture (GR-C) and with Mrs Battaini-Dragoni, Director General (DG IV), expressed strong support for maintaining and further developing the activities of the Council of Europe in the fields of culture, education, media, youth and sport and, to this effect, adopted unanimously five amendments to the draft recommendation prepared by the Political Affairs Committee for the urgent procedure debate;
- welcomed the invitation for its Chairman to attend a future meeting of the GR-C;
- appointed Mr Randegger (Switzerland, ALDE) rapporteur on *vocational education and training*, a key factor for lifelong employability (Doc. 10552);
- authorised Mrs Saks (Estonia, EPP/CD), rapporteur on the *situation of the Finno-Ugric and Samoyed populations*, to attend a conference on this subject in Yoshkar-Ola (Russia) on 15-21 August;
- authorised Mrs Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), rapporteur on the *cultural diversity of the northern Caucasus*, to carry out a fact finding mission to the region on 11-17 September;
- was informed by Mr James Barnett on the study day on "Education that takes account of religion: how can this contribute to democratic citizenship?" organised by the Liaison Committee of the Conference of INGOs as a contribution to the report by Mr Schneider (France, EPP/CD) on *education and religion* and agreed to consider this report at its next meeting with a view to presenting it at the Assembly October session;
- was informed by Mr Lengagne (France, SOC) on preparations for his report on *student disaffection for scientific studies* and agreed that the Chairman and the Rapporteur send a questionnaire to Education Ministers in member countries on this matter;

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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- took note of the response of the Venice Commission on the *Frattini and Gasparri laws* and sought the advice of its Sub-Committee on the Media;
- took note of the reply by the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1674 (2004) on *challenges facing the European audiovisual sector* and forwarded it to the Sub-Committee on the Media;
- appointed Mr Sahlberg member and Mrs Ahlqvist alternate in the Sub-committee on the Media;
- designated the following representatives:
 - Mr Walter to the meeting of the CDMC (Strasbourg, 21 June);
 - Mr Jarab to the launching of European Heritage Days (Prague, 2 September);
 - Mr Legendre to the Colloquy on “European culture: identity and diversity” (Strasbourg, 8-9 September)
- decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 6 September (avenue Kléber)

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The **Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics** meeting on 21 June with Mrs Westerlund-Panke in the chair:

- was informed by Mr de Sola, Head of the Bioethics Department (DG I), on the work of the Council of Europe in the field of *bioethics* (CDBI) and expressed the wish of being more closely associated with the preparation of draft protocols to the Bioethics Convention and related texts;
- discussed preparations for the colloquy on *technology assessment* for central and eastern Europe, encouraged members to follow-up invitations in their respective parliaments and requested interpretation in Russian during the colloquy;
- confirmed its next meeting in Budapest on 19-20 September.

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The **Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage**, meeting on 21 June with Mr Zingeris in the chair

- held an exchange of views on the activities of *Europa Nostra* represented by Mr Otto von der Gablentz (Executive President), Comte Denis de Kergorlay (Vice President) and Mrs Snenska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic (Secretary General) further to the meetings held in Bergen on 1-3 June;
- discussed with Mr Théron, Director a.i. for Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage (DG IV), the preparation of the Council of Europe *Framework Convention* on the value of cultural heritage for society and expressed the hope that this would be opened for signature at the Ministerial Conference in Faro (Portugal) on 27-28 October 2005;
- was informed by Mr Rolandas Kvietkauskas (Undersecretary, Ministry of Culture, Lithuania) on the activities of the EU Commission regarding the *mobility of museum collections*;
- was informed by Baroness Hooper (UK, EDG) on the preparation of her report on the privatisation of cultural property;
- decided that it was not opportune for the Assembly to be represented at this stage in the Council of Administration of the *European Institute of Cultural Itineraries* (Luxembourg) but asked Mr Nachbar (France, EPP/CD) to continue his investigation into general situation of European cultural itineraries;
- decided to hold its next meeting on 12-13 September 2005 in Rostock (Germany) and took note with interest of the programme presented by Dr Lucyga.

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The **Sub-Committee on the Media**, meeting on 22 June with Mr Walter in the chair:

- held an exchange of views on the intergovernmental activities in the *media* field with the Chairperson of the Steering Committee on the Media and New Communications Services (CDMC), Mr Karol Jakubowicz;
- held an exchange of views on the *World Summit on the Information Society* (Tunis, 16-18 November 2005) with Mr Michael Remmert, Project manager “good governance in the Information Society” of the Council of Europe and expressed interest in being represented;
- held an exchange of views on the Opinion of the Venice Commission in response to Assembly Resolution 1387 (2004) on *the monopolisation of the electronic media and possible abuse of power in Italy* with Mrs Simona Granata-Menghini, head of Constitutional Co-operation Division of the Secretariat of the Venice Commission, and decided to advise the Committee on Culture, Science and Education to ask the Monitoring Committee to prepare a report on whether to open a specific monitoring of this issue;
- discussed its work programme and asked its Chairman to look into possible support action by the Sub-Committee with regard to European *film and cinema*;
- left it to the Chairman to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

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The **Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport** meeting on 23 June with Lord Russell-Johnston in the chair:

- was informed by Mr van der Linden President of the Assembly, of his visit to *UEFA*; held an exchange of views on possible co operation between the Council of Europe and that organisation and decided to start preparations for a conference with UEFA in Nyon in 2006;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Giuseppe Porcaro, Chair of the Advisory Council and of the Joint Council on Youth, and representatives of the Directorate of Youth and Sport; on:
 - The Youth Summit (Warsaw, 15-16 May);
 - preparation for the 7th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Youth: “Youth policy responses to violence” (Budapest, 23-24 September 2005),
 - the 10th anniversary of European Youth Centre in Budapest and
 - the European Youth Campaign 2006;
- decided to take part in the Conference of *European Ministers* responsible for Youth with a delegation of three members;
- welcomed the adoption by the Assembly of an amendment to the recommendation on follow-up to the *Third Summit* reaffirming the relevance of sport;
- left it to the Chairman to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

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