

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

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The **Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics** (Committee on Culture, Science and Education) meeting in Budapest on 19 and 20 September 2005 with Mrs Westerlund-Panke in the Chair:

- held a colloquy on parliamentary technology assessment for central and eastern Europe with:
 - Mr Philippe Busquin, Chairman - and former European Commissioner responsible for research - and Mrs Etelka Barsi-Pataky from the Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA) Panel of the European Parliament,
 - Mr Zoltán Szabo, Chairman of the Hungarian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly,
 - Mrs Trees Merckx-Van Goey, MP, Vice-President of the Flemish Institute for Science and Technology Assessment, currently chairing the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) Network,
 - the Directors of parliamentary technology assessment organisations of Denmark, France, Germany, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Flanders and the European Parliament;
- was informed by Mr Lengagne, France, SOC, on the state of preparation of his report on *student disaffection for scientific studies*;
- held an exchange of views on the use of the *precautionary principle*, rapporteur: Mr. Johannes Randegger, Switzerland, ALDE, on the basis of an outline document;
- was informed by Mr. Robby Berloznik, Director of the Flemish Institute for Science and Technology Assessment, about the EPTA conference and council meeting (Brussels 17-18 October 2005) and proposed Mrs Westerlund-Panke and Mr Randegger as representatives;
- left it to the Chair to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

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