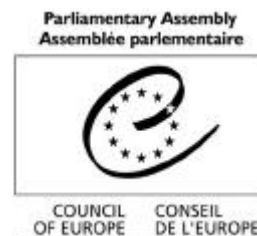


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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly
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The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Strasbourg on 3 and 4 October 2005 with Mr. Jarab and then Mr Legendre in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views introduced by Mr de Puig, to mark the European Day of Languages 2005 with:

- Mr Sigve Gramstad, Chairman of the Committee of Experts on the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages;
 - Mr Alex Riemersma, Vice-President of the European Bureau of Lesser Used Languages (EBLUL), Dublin;
 - Mr Nigel Hicks, Vice-President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities and member of the Liaison Committee of international NGOs enjoying participatory status with the Council of Europe;
- and representatives of DG IV Department of Language Education and Policy;

- adopted the Committee's contribution on the *activities of OECD*, rapporteur: Mrs Pericleous Papadopoulos, Cyprus, ALDE;

- held an exchange of views on *education and religion*, with Mr. Gil Robles, Commissioner for Human Rights and then proceeded to take position on the amendments tabled to the draft recommendation, rapporteur: Mr Schneider, France, EPP/CD;

- held a discussion on the *draft framework convention of the Council of Europe on the value of cultural heritage for society* following the decision of the Assembly not to hold an urgent date and approved a letter from the Chairman to the President of the Assembly;

- approved a report and adopted a draft recommendation on *private management of cultural property*, rapporteur: Baroness Hooper, United Kingdom, EDG, for presentation to the Standing Committee – Bucharest (Romania), 25 November 2005;

- heard a report from Mr. Zingeris on the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage held in Rostock on 12-13 September 2005;

- asked Mr. Sudarenikov, rapporteur, to give an opinion on the reply of the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1689 (2004) on *combating terrorism through culture*;

- appointed Mrs Hurskainen, Finland, SOC, rapporteur on *blasphemy, religious insults and hate speech against persons on grounds of their religion* (Doc. 10623);

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- designated Mr Wodarg to the meeting of the CDBI (Steering Committee on Bioethics), Strasbourg 17-21 October 2005;
- decided, in the absence of its Italian members, to postpone, to its next meeting, a decision on future action concerning the media situation in Italy;
- completed the membership of its sub-committees;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 30 November and 1 December 2005 (avenue Kléber) and to organise a Hearing on the cultural situation of Kurds on the afternoon of 30 November 2005;
- took note that the Sub-Committee on the Media and the Sub-Committee on Cultural Heritage would meet on the same occasion;

The **Ad Hoc Sub-Committee for the workshop on education for democratic citizenship** (Belgrade 7-8 November 2005), meeting on 4 October 2005 with Mr Legendre in the chair, elected Mrs Muttonen Chairperson, agreed the outline programme and authorised her to finalise the details with the secretariat.

The **Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage**, meeting on 6 October with Mr Zingeris in the chair:

- held an exchange of views with representatives of DG IV on Council of Europe intergovernmental activities and in particular those relating to sensibilisation (European Heritage Days, European Cultural Itineraries, Council of Europe Art Exhibitions)
- agreed on the principle of holding a conference in 2006 on the ratification and application of conventions and other instruments relating to cultural heritage
- decided to press for the reference for report of motions on travelling exhibitions and on European literary heritage (Docs 10526 and 10667)
- heard reports on specific issues by Mr O'Hara, General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage, and
 - with regard to the threat to the Roman baths at Allianoi (Turkey), welcomed the willingness of its Turkish members to investigate and report back at the next meeting;
 - with regard to cultural heritage in the South Caucasus, decided to renew its earlier decision of 2003 and to ask Mr O'Hara to pursue contacts with a view to a possible fact-finding mission in spring 2006 but taking account of the work of the Bureau's Ad Hoc Committee on Nagorno-Karabagh;
- confirmed its next meeting in Paris on the morning of 1 December 2005

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