



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 18 January 2006 with Mr Legendre and then Baroness Hooper in the chair:

- paid tribute to the memory of Tony Banks (Lord Stratford), former member and chairman of its Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport, who had died on 8 January;
- held a hearing on the cultural situation of Kurds in Iran, Iraq, Syria and the diaspora (Rapporteur: Lord Russell-Johnston, UK, ALDE) in which the following participated:

Mrs Sheila Ghaderi-Mameli on Iran,
Mr Gérard Gautier on Iraq,
Mr Bachar Al Issa on Syria,
Mr Kendal Nezam (Director of the Kurdish Institute of Paris) on France,
Mrs Rochelle Harris (Kurdish Human Rights Project, London) on UK,
Mr Metin Incescu (Director of Navend, Bonn) on Germany,
Mr Hugo van Rompaey (Kurdish Institute, Brussels) on Belgium,
Mr Mehmet Zonoozi (Director of Roj TV, Copenhagen) on broadcasting in Kurdish,
Mr Hasan Cemal (Turkish journalist),

and followed this by a press conference;

- discussed a draft report on the decline in the number of students taking science subjects (Rapporteur: Mr Lengagne, France, SOC);
- discussed the draft programme of the Colloquy on university autonomy and accountability (Rapporteur: Mr Jarab, Czech Republic, ALDE) and of its meeting in Prague on 30 March-1 April 2006;
- held an exchange of views on intergovernmental activities of the Council of Europe with Mrs Battaini-Dragoni, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport;
- designated Mr McIntosh, UK, SOC, rapporteur for its opinion on the situation in Belarus (subject to confirmation of the reference on 23 January);

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
The Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly

Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication and Research

Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- heard reports from Mr Zingeris on the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (Strasbourg, 16 December 2005) and from its Chairman on the meeting of the Bureau (Paris, 9 January 2006);
- decided to hold its next meetings in Strasbourg
 - = at 2pm on Monday 23 January 2006
 - = at 7:50 pm on Monday 23 January and at 2pm on Wednesday 25 January.

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