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To Members of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education

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of the meeting held in Paris on 17 and 18 May 2006

The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Paris on 17 and 18 May 2006 with Mr Legendre in the chair:

- approved a report, adopting unanimously a draft recommendation, on *academic freedom and university autonomy* (rapporteur: Mr Jařab, Czech Republic, ALDE) and expressed the wish that it be presented to the coming Assembly June part-session so as to constitute the Assembly's contribution to the Magna Charta Observatory Conference in Bologna on 14-15 September;
- approved a report, adopting unanimously a draft resolution, on student disaffection for scientific studies (rapporteur: Mr Lengagne, France, SOC) and expressed the wish that it be presented to the meeting of the Standing Committee on 17 November in San Marino;
- held a hearing on freedom of expression and respect for religious beliefs (rapporteur: Mrs Hurskainen, Finland, SOC) with philosophers, sociologists, personalities from different religions, journalists, representatives of international organisations and NGOs;
- heard a first presentation of a preliminary draft report on the professional education of journalists (Rapporteur: Mr Rafael Huseynov, Azerbaijan, ALDE);
- held an exchange of views with Mr Aulake, Chairman of the Steering Committee for Culture and Mrs Battaini-Dragoni, Director General for Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport on the follow up to the 3rd Summit: priority for cultural cooperation (rapporteur: Mr de Puig, Spain, SOC) and decided to consider a preliminary draft recommendation at its next meeting;
- heard a report by Mr O'Hara (UK, SOC) on the European Museum of the Year Awards seminar and ceremony (Lisbon, 10-13 May);
- was informed by Mr O'Hara on preparations for his study visit on the cultural heritage of the South Caucasus which should take place on 29 May-4 June;
- designated Mr Jařab or Mr Lengagne as its representative to the Forum on higher education advancing sustainable democratic culture (Strasbourg, 22-23 June);

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- instructed Mrs Saks (Estonia, SOC) to include the situation of the relevant minority peoples in Scandinavian countries in her report on the Finno-Ugric and Samoyed peoples;
- was reminded by Mr Ružić of an initiative of Belgrade law students for a European Convention on traditional crafts;
- decided to hold its next meeting on Thursday 22 June in the Paris office of the Council of Europe.

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