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

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 2 and 4 October 2006

The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Strasbourg on 2 and 4 October 2006 with Mr Legendre and subsequently Baroness Hooper in the chair:

- paid tribute to the work of Mr Jarab, its Vice-Chairman, who was leaving the Committee and the Assembly;
 - adopted its contribution to the debate on *OECD and the world economy* (Rapporteur: Baroness Hooper, United Kingdom, EDG);
 - approved a report and adopted a draft recommendation on *the situation of the Finno-Ugric and Samoyed peoples* (Rapporteur: Mrs Saks, Estonia, SOC) for debate at the Standing Committee (San Marino, 17 November 2006);
 - adopted an opinion on the draft recommendation on the *2003 guidelines on the use of minority languages in the broadcast media and the Council of Europe standards: need to enhance co-operation and synergy* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Sahlberg, Sweden, SOC);
 - took position on amendments tabled to the draft resolution on *the cultural situation of the Kurds* (Rapporteur: Lord Russell-Johnston, United Kingdom, ALDE);
 - agreed on a response to the Assembly Bureau concerning the Motion on *electronic media without frontiers* tabled by Mr McIntosh and others (Doc. 10901);
 - designated the following rapporteurs:
 - Mr de Puig (Spain, SOC) on the need for new steps in the field of intercultural and inter-confessional dialogue (Doc. 10908) while taking account of the motion for a resolution on relations between the state, religion and individuals (Doc. 10822);
 - Mr Wodarg (Germany, SOC) on the role of media for democracy (Doc. 10935);
 - Mr Glavan (Romania, ALDE) on training teachers for education for democratic citizenship and human rights (Doc. 10998);
- cc. Secretary General and Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
Directors General
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General
Director of Communication and Research
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- was informed on the following meetings:
 - CD-ESR Conference on the responsibility of higher education for democratic culture (Strasbourg, 22-23 June 2006) and the Magna Charta Universitatum conference on political approaches to university identity (Bologna, 14-16 September 2006) by Mr Jarab;
 - the launching of European Heritage Days (St Petersburg, 21-23 September 2006) by its Chairman, Mr Legendre;
 - the joint PACE/UEFA conference (Strasbourg, 29 September 2006) by Mr Schneider;
- asked Mr O'Hara to take account in his examination of the cultural heritage in the South Caucasus of the motion for a recommendation on the state of the historically important cultural monuments of Azerbaijan in the territory of Armenia (Doc. 10896);
- took note that:
 - Lord Russell-Johnston would address the Conference "Freedom and Islam – a Contradiction?" (Bonn, 9-10 October 2006);
 - Mrs Westerlund-Panke would attend the EPTA Council and Conference on Energy (Oslo, 16-17 October 2006) in addition to Mr Randegger;
 - Mr Hancock, former Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport, would attend the Informal Meeting of European Sports Ministers (Moscow, 20-21 October 2006);
 - Mr van der Linden would attend the Local ceremony of the Council of Europe Museum Prize at the Churchill Museum (London, 6 November 2006);
- designated the following:
 - Mr Kozma to the Youth Campaign Symposium on Diversity (Budapest, 25-29 October 2006);
 - Mr Mooney to the UN Internet Governance Forum (Athens, 30 October – 2 November 2006);
 - Mr Zingeris to the Europa Nostra Conference and Council (Paris, 14-15 November 2006);
 - Mr van Thijn to the ECRI seminar on combating racism while respecting freedom of expression (Strasbourg, 16-17 November 2006);
 - Mr Schieder to the North South Centre Executive Council (Lisbon, 27 November 2006);
 - Mr Kozma to the Youth Campaign meeting of National Campaign Committees (Budapest, 4-8 December 2006);
- modified the composition of the Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport as follows:
 - Mr Wach (substitute Mr Markowski), Poland
 - Baroness Taylor (substitute Mr O'Hara), United Kingdom
 - Mrs Porteiro, Spain
 - Mr Prorokovic, Serbia
- decided to hold its next meeting in Paris (Council of Europe office) on 8 December 2006.

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The **Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage** meeting in Strasbourg on 5 October 2006 with Mr Zingeris in the chair:

- expressed appreciation at the launching of the European Heritage Days in St Petersburg by the Russian authorities, Council of Europe DG IV and Europa Nostra and discussed follow up;
- was informed by Mr Wolf Elbert, Chairman of the Association Pro Venetia Viva, of the difficulties facing the Craftsmanship Centre on San Servolo and decided to seek ways of securing political and financial support;
- received a group of law students from Belgrade University that had prepared a draft European Convention on the protection of old and traditional crafts;
- was informed by Mr O'Hara, General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage, on the situation regarding Rosia Montana (Romania) and dams at Allianoi and Ilisu (Turkey);
- with regard to the study visit of Mr O'Hara on the cultural heritage in the South Caucasus, regretted that the Azerbaijan delegation was insisting that the visit to Azerbaijan should only take part after the expert studies proposed by the Secretary General (and for which no date had yet been fixed), and, on the insistence of Mr Legendre, Chairman of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, asked the General Rapporteur to maintain the original principle of visiting all three countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) and so wait until this was possible;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Paris (Council of Europe office) on 7 December 2006.

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The **Sub-Committee on the Media** meeting in Strasbourg on 5 October 2006 with Mr Walter in the chair:

- agreed on a programme for the seminar on "media freedom and ethics: a European dimension in the professional education and training of journalists" to be organised jointly with the DG2 - Human Rights of the Council of Europe in Baku, Azerbaijan on 29-30 November 2006;
- took note of, and aligned itself with, the response by the Committee to the Assembly Bureau concerning the Motion tabled by Mr McIntosh on electronic media without frontiers (Doc. 10901);
- participated in an exchange of views on the decriminalisation of defamation with the Sub-Committee on Crime Problems and the Fight against Terrorism of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
- paid tribute to the work done in the Sub-Committee by Mr Jarab, its former Chairman, and Mr Schieder, former President of the Assembly, both of whom would leave the Sub-Committee and the Assembly;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan on 29-30 November 2006, subject to authorisation by the Bureau.

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The **Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics** meeting in Strasbourg on 3 October 2006 with Mrs Westerlund-Panke in the chair:

- held an exchange of views on a preliminary draft report on the precautionary principle in research and innovation (Rapporteur Mr Randegger, Switzerland, ALDE) with the participation of Mr de Sola, Head of the Bioethics Department of the Council of Europe and asked the Rapporteur to prepare a revised report for adoption by the full Committee on 8 December with a view to an Assembly debate at the 2007 January part-session;
- thanked Mrs Westerlund-Panke and Mr Randegger, outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee, for their commitment.

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