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To the Members of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education

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of the meetings held in Strasbourg on 22, 23 and 25 January 2007

The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education**, with Mr McIntosh, senior member present, then Mr Legendre in the chair:

- **reconstituted its bureau** as follows: Mr Legendre, Chairman, Baroness Hooper first Vice-Chairperson, M Wodarg, second Vice-Chairman, Mrs Basseur, third Vice-Chairperson;

- **reconstituted its sub-committees** as follows:

Sub-committee on the Cultural Heritage: Alatalu, Becerril (Txueka), Bemelmans, Berdzenishvili, Coskunoglu, Dacic (Prorokovic), Demirchyan (Geghamyan), Duesund, Eymer (Fischer), Hooper (Walter), Hurskainen, Huseynov, Jivkova, Kucheida (Lengagne), Marquet (Spiliotis), Melo, Morselli (Boniver), Muttonen (Ager), Nachbar, O'Hara (McIntosh), Olsson, Pollozhani, de Puig (Fernández Soriano), Rau (Girzynski), Shybko (Bilozir), Stamm, Sudarenkov (Fomenko), Zingeris, Legendre (ex officio);

Sub-Committee on the Media : Alatalu, Becerril (Txueka), Basseur, Fomenko, Freire Antunes, Geveaux, Grachev (Chernyshenko), Gross (Reimann), Henry, Herasym'yuk (Klyuev), Hurskainen, Huseynov, Incekara, Iotova, Johansson (Olsson), Katseli (Damanaki), Muttonen, Markowski, McIntosh, Nemcova, Potrata, de Puig (Fernández Soriano), Russell-Johnston, Severinsen, van Thijn, Walter, Wodarg (Fischer), Legendre (ex officio);

Sub-committee on Youth and Sport : Ager, Arnaut, Basseur, Chernyshenko (Grachev), Dees, Gajdůšková, Geveaux, Goutry (Goris), Hallengren, Heynemann (Brüning), Ivanov, Jivkova, Kozma, Kucheida, Porteiro, (Fernandez-Capel), Prorokovic, Reimann, Russell-Johnston, Schneider, Spiliotis (Marquet), Taylor (O'Hara), Tekelioglu, Wach (Markowski), Legendre (ex officio);

and decided not to reconstitute its Sub-Committee on Science and Ethics but to take up scientific and ethical issues at the level of the full committee;

- took note of the Assembly decision to hold a debate under urgent procedure on **threats to the lives and freedom of expression of journalists** and:

- confirmed Mr McIntosh (UK, SOC) as rapporteur;
- held an exchange of views with Mrs Elsa Vidal, representative of Reporters without Borders, Mrs Myroslava Gongadze, widow of the Ukrainian journalist Georgiy Gongadze and Mrs Yana Serova, journalist at Novaya Gazeta, Moscow;
- approved a report, adopting unanimously a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- took note of the opinions by the Political Affairs Committee and by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;

cc: Secretary General and secretariat of the 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 of the Council of Europe
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication and Research
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- took position on the amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation;
- approved a report, adopting unanimously a draft recommendation on **professional education and training of journalists** (Rapporteur: Mr R. Huseynov, Azerbaijan, ALDE) and expressed the wish that it be presented to the Standing Committee in Paris on 16 March 2007;
- took position on the amendments to the draft recommendation on the **precautionary principle and responsible risk management** (Rapporteur: Mr Randegger, Switzerland, ALDE);
- held a first exchange of views on the Committee's contribution to the reports on the **state of human rights and democracy in Europe** on the basis of a draft outline presented by the Rapporteur (Mrs Melo, Portugal, SOC);
- held an exchange of views with Mr Robert Palmer, Director of Culture, and Cultural and Natural Heritage DG IV.
- discussed preparations for its Colloquy on **Questions related to state and religion** to be held in Strasbourg on 27 February;
- held an exchange of views on the **European Youth Campaign** with Mr Michael Raphael, Manager of the Campaign "All different, All equal";
- was informed of the consultation procedure for the drafting of the **White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue** and asked its Chairman to prepare a contribution on behalf of the Committee;
- took note that the meeting with representatives of the **Culture Committee of the European Parliament** foreseen for 12 February had been postponed;
- reconfirmed its rapporteurs and appointed the following:
 - Mr Lengagne, France, SOC, on *the dangers of creationism in education*,
 - Mr McIntosh, United Kingdom, SOC, on *electronic media without frontiers in Europe*,
 - Mr Wodarg, Germany, SOC, on *the need for a global consideration of human rights implications of biometrics* (for an opinion to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights);
- reconfirmed its representatives with the following changes:
 - Mr Wodarg to the Executive Council of the North South Centre;
 - Mr Pollozhani to ECRI
- heard reports by:
 - Mr Legendre: exchange of views with the GR-C (Strasbourg, 12 December 2006) ;
 - Mr Wodarg: Ministerial conference launching the "Kyiv Initiative" (Bucharest, 15 December 2006);
- designated its representatives to the forthcoming meetings:
 - M. Arnaut to the hearing of the European Parliament Culture Committee on the role of sport in education (Brussels, 28 February);
 - Mr Pollozhani to ECRI (Strasbourg,13-16 March);
 - M. Schneider to the Advisory Council and CDEJ (Strasbourg, 19-21 March);
 - MM. Heinemann and Brüning to the European Youth Parliament (Potsdam, 23 March – 1 April);
 - Mr Wodarg to the NSC Executive Council (Lisbon, 19 March);
 - Mr Schneider to the Conference on sport and violence in Europe (Rennes, 2-5 April);
- took note of the replies by the Committee of Ministers to the Recommendations 1750 on *education and balanced development in school* (Rapporteur: Mr Korobeynikov) and 1751 on *Cultural Diversity of the Northern Caucasus* (Rapporteur: Mrs Brasseur) and asked the rapporteurs to comment in writing;
- decided to hold a meeting of the full Committee on 31 May and 1 June in Saint Petersburg on the occasion of the joint CISP-PAPE Conference on Intercultural and interreligious dialogue;
- decided to hold its next meeting on 27 February in Strasbourg with a Colloquy on Questions related to state and religion.

The **Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage**, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 January 2007 with Mr O'Hara, Senior Member, and then Mr Zingeris in the chair:

- re-elected Mr Zingeris Chairman and Mr Nachbar Vice-Chairman by acclamation;
- was informed by Mr O'Hara, General Rapporteur, on developments concerning specific issues and with regard to:
 - **Allianoi (Turkey)** - regretted that efforts appeared to have failed to preserve the Roman baths following a local decision to fill the Yortanli dam
 - **Achelooos valley dam (Greece)** - called for investigation into new developments affecting cultural heritage
 - **St Joseph Cathedral (Bucharest)** - took note of objections to adjacent construction
 - **South Caucasus heritage** - hoped that ways would be found for the study visit to go ahead at the beginning of April;
- with regard to ongoing intergovernmental activities of the Council of Europe, was informed by Mr de Thyse on restoration of **cultural heritage in Kosovo** and by Mrs Guidikova on the **Council of Europe Art Exhibitions** and the **European Cultural Routes** and asked Mr Nachbar to continue to follow the latter activity;
- decided to grant its patronage to the creation of a **European Association of Heritage Journalists**;
- took note of a proposal by its chair to meet in Vilnius in the first week of September 2007 and hold a joint conference with CDPAT on the **application of international instruments relating to cultural heritage**;
- decided to meet in Strasbourg during the next part-session of the Assembly (16-20 April 2007).

The **Sub-Committee on the Media**, meeting in the context of the full committee on Thursday 25 January, re-elected Mr Walter Chairman by acclamation.

The **Sub-committee on Youth and Sport**, also meeting on Thursday 25 January, re-elected Mr Schneider Chairman by acclamation.

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