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

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of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 22 to 24 January 2008

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

- elected Mrs Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) Chairperson by acclamation;
- re-elected Baroness Hooper (United Kingdom, EDG) first Vice-Chairperson and elected Mr Dzembritzki (Germany, SOC) second Vice-Chairperson and Mr Tekelioğlu (Turkey, EPP) third Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- reconstituted its sub-committees as follows:

**Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage:** Atanasova, Becerril (Fernández-Soriano), Bemelmans-Videc (de Vries), Bilozir, Dačić, Daems (Ducarme), Duesund, Eymers (Fischer), Glavan (Tundrea), Hooper (Walter), Raffi Hovannisian, Hurskainen, Huseynov, Huss, Kazmierczak (Dabkowska-Cichocka), Kucheida, Marquet (Spiliotis), Melo, Morselli (Boniver), Muttonen (Konecny), Nachbar (Legendre), O'Hara (McIntosh), Olsson (Lilliehöök), Papadopoulos (Sarikas), Papaligouras (Zissi), Pollozhani, Šojdrová, Tekelioğlu, Brasseur (ex officio)

**Sub-Committee on the Media:** Dimitrov, Ducarme (Daems), Fenechiu (Miutescu), Fernández-Capel (Txueka), Freire Antunes, Herasym'yuk, Raffi Hovannisian (Vahe Hovhannisyán), Huseynov, Jensen, Johansson, Kanelli (Giannellis-Theodosiadis), Kumcuoğlu, Laukkanen (Hurskainen), McIntosh (Russell-Johnston), Muttonen (Konecny), Němcová, O'Reilly (Keaveney), Potrata, Stugligrosz (Lipinski), Stump, de Vries, Walter, Wodarg (Fischer), Brasseur (ex officio)

**Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport:** Acas, Arnaut, Ayva, Bilozir, Blatnik, Gajdůšková, Giannellis-Theodosiadis (Kianelli), Glavan (Tundrea), Goutry (Leterme), Heynemann (Brüning), Vahe Hovhannisyán, Jivkova, Keaveney (O'Reilly), Kozma, Kucheida (Reiss), Laukkanen, Olsson, Papadopoulos (Sarikas), Russell-Johnston (O'Hara), Schneider, Spiliotis (Marquet), Velasco (Becerril), Waalkens, Wach (Marcinkiewicz), Brasseur (ex officio)

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Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Observers to 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  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- approved a report, adopting unanimously a draft recommendation on *Realising the full potential of e-learning for education and training* (Rapporteur: Mr Fischer, Germany, EPP) and expressed the wish that it be presented to the Standing Committee in Stockholm on 30 May 2008;
- approved a report, adopting unanimously a draft recommendation, on *Promoting the teaching of European Literature* (Rapporteur: Mr Legendre, France, EPP) and expressed the wish that, if the meeting of the Standing Committee foreseen on 14 March 2008 in Paris be cancelled, it be presented to the April Assembly part session;
- took position on the amendment presented to the draft opinion on the draft Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, on Genetic Testing for Health Purposes (Rapporteur: Mr Wodarg, Germany, SOC);
- held an exchange of views with Mrs Battaini-Dragoni, Director General of DG IV and coordinator for intercultural dialogue, on Council of Europe activities related to intercultural dialogue;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Huber, new Executive Director of the North-South Centre, expressed support for the continuation of the Centre's activities and asked Mrs Melo, Mr Legendre, Mr Schneider and Mr Wodarg to look into the possibility of organising a conference jointly with the Centre in a sub-Saharan country in 2008;
- was informed by Mr Pollozhani on the meeting of the ECRI (Strasbourg, 12-14 December 2007);
- confirmed its standing rapporteurs and appointed the following rapporteurs:
  - Mr Schneider (France, EPP/CD) for a report on a new start for youth cooperation in Europe (Doc. 11455rev);
  - Miss Keaveney (Ireland, ALDE) for a report on history teaching of recent conflicts (Doc. 11338);
  - Mr Daems (Belgium, ALDE) for a contribution on the activities of the OECD;
  - Mr Tekelioğlu (Turkey, EPP/CD) for an opinion on European Muslim communities confronted with extremism;
- proposed the following institutional representatives:
  - Mr Pollozhani ("the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", SOC) to ECRI,
  - Mr Wodarg (Germany, SOC) to the North South Centre Executive Council,
  - Mr Nachbar (France, EPP/CD) to Europa Nostra,
  - Mr Daems (Belgium, ALDE) and Mr O'Hara (United Kingdom, SOC) to the Gifts Committee;
- appointed representatives to forthcoming meetings;
- was informed by Mr O'Hara on further talks with members of the Armenian and Azeri delegations on his proposed study visit to the cultural heritage in the South Caucasus, held an exchange of views on the matter, agreed that he try, for the last time, to carry out this study visit in 2008 and discussed the terms and conditions;
- took note of the *replies by the Committee of Ministers* to the Recommendations 1740 on *The place of mother tongue in school education* (Rapporteur: Mr Legendre) and 1787 on *The precautionary principle and responsible risk management* (Rapporteur: Mr Randegger) and asked Mr Legendre to comment on the first reply in writing;
- decided to hold its next meeting on Tuesday, 25 March 2008 at 10am in Paris and to hold a *colloquy on copyright in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Mosella, Italy, ALDE).

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The **Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport**, meeting on 22 January 2008 in the context of the full Committee **re-elected** Mr Schneider (France, EPP) Chairman and Mr Kozma (Hungary, SOC) Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

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The **Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage**, meeting first in the context of the full committee on 23 January and then separately on 24 January 2008:

- elected Mr Nachbar (France, EPP) Chairman by acclamation;
- was informed by Mr O'Hara on his study visit to Innsbruck (Austria) of 19 December 2007 regarding the problem of maintaining the Panorama of the Battle of Bergisel in its rotunda and agreed that he pursue the matter further ;
- held an exchange of views on the protection of the archaeological and architectural heritage in Rosia Montana (Romania) with Dr Cauuet (leader of the French archaeological team from Toulouse University) and Mr Gligor (Patrimony Manager for the Canadian gold mining company) and decided to hold a colloquy on rescue archaeology based on case studies in Paris on 22 May 2008;
- asked Baroness Hooper to make a study visit in the Region of Veneto in connection with her report on craftsmanship;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the next part-session (14-18 April 2008)

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The **Sub-Committee on the Media**, meeting first in the context of the full Committee on 23 January 2008 and then separately on 24 January 2008:

- elected Mr. McIntosh (United Kingdom, SOC) Chairman by acclamation;
- held an exchange of views with the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Mr Miklos Haraszti on the follow-up to paragraph 14 of Assembly Resolution 1535 (2007) on threats to the lives and freedom of expression of journalists (Rapporteur: Mr McIntosh);
- held an exchange of views with representatives of civil society from Belarus and confirmed its wish to hold a hold a conference on media freedom in Belarus in an adjacent country in 2008;
- decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 26 March 2008.

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