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

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of the meeting held in Paris on 21 May 2008

The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Paris on 21 May 2008 with Mrs Brasseur in the Chair:

- approved a report on ***the promotion of a culture of democracy and human rights through teacher education*** (Rapporteur: Mr Glavan, Romania, ALDE), adopted unanimously a draft recommendation and expressed the wish that it be presented to the Assembly on the occasion of the debate on the state of democracy in Europe in June;
- approved an opinion on ***empowering women in a modern, multicultural society*** (Rapporteur: Mr Pollozhani, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", SOC) and adopted amendments to the draft recommendation presented by the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men;
- took position on the amendments proposed by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development to the draft recommendation on ***realising the full potential of e-learning for education and training*** (Rapporteur: Mr Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD);
- postponed adoption of a report on ***indicators for media in a democracy*** (Rapporteur: Mr Wodarg, Germany, SOC) ;
- held an exchange of views on the ***Olympic Games***, regretted the absence of a representative of the International Olympic Committee, adopted a declaration reasserting the sporting spirit of the games and took this opportunity to express its solidarity with the families of the victims of the earthquake in China;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Bernard Hugonnier, Deputy-Director of the Directorate for Education and Mr Iain Gillespie, Head of Biotechnology Division, Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry of ***OECD*** with a view to prepare its contribution to the Assembly debate on the activities of that organisation (Rapporteur: Mr Daems, Belgium, ALDE);
- had a first exchange of views on a draft report on ***refreshing the youth agenda of the Council of Europe*** (Rapporteur: Mr Schneider, France, EPP/CD), agreed that the rapporteur consult youth organisations and asked members to make proposals for an appropriate keynote speaker to address the Assembly during the October debate;

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly and Secretariat of the Assembly
 Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
 Observers to the Assembly
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 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

- was informed by Mr O'Hara, General Rapporteur, on recent developments concerning the **Bergisel Panorama** (Innsbruck) and **Rosia Montana**, regretted the lack of progress concerning his study visit on the cultural heritage of the **South Caucasus** and reiterated its support for this to go ahead;
- was informed by Mrs Melo on further preparations for a joint meeting with the North South Centre in Cape Verde and agreed on the proposed theme of **intercultural dialogue and education** and on the date of 16-18 October (subject to Bureau authorisation);
- constituted an **ad-hoc Sub-Committee** to take part in the **Conference on democratisation of the media in Belarus**, organised by the Directorate General of Democracy and Political Affairs (Warsaw, 6-7 June 2008), and appointed Mr Freire Antunes (EPP), Mr Laukkanen (ALDE), Mr McIntosh (SOC, Chairman) and Mrs Němcová (EDG) as its members;
- was informed by Mr Pollozhani of the meetings in Strasbourg of the **Steering Committee on Education** (10-12 March) and of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (**ECRI**) (12-14 March);
- was informed by Mr O'Hara on the presentation ceremony of the **European Museum of the Year Award** (Dublin, 17 May);
- accepted an invitation to meet in **Warsaw** on 2-3 September 2008 (subject to Bureau authorisation);
- **designated** representatives to forthcoming meetings;
- **regretted** the absence of several rapporteurs whose reports were on the agenda;
- **decided** to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the coming June Assembly part-session (23-27 June 2008).

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