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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 from 23 to 26 June 2008

The Committee on Culture, Science and Education meeting in Strasbourg on 25 and 26 June 2008 with Mrs Brasseur in the chair:

- approved a report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution and a draft recommendation on **indicators for media in a democracy** (Rapporteur: Mr Wodarg, Germany, SOC) and expressed the wish that it be scheduled for debate at the September/October part-session, together with the report on **the promotion of a culture of democracy and human rights through teacher education** (Rapporteur: Mr Glavan, Romania, ALDE), which had been postponed from the present part-session;
- held an exchange of views on the draft report on **refreshing the youth agenda of the Council of Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Schneider, France, EPP/CD) and made preparations for the meeting with youth organisations on 1 October 2008;
- held an exchange of views on the decision of the General Rapporteur, Mr O'Hara, to abandon his study visit of the cultural heritage in the **South Caucasus** and decided to ask the Assembly President to take up the issue during his official visit to Azerbaijan, to ask the Monitoring Committee to bear it in mind and to ask the General Rapporteur to prepare a report on the political difficulties he had faced in his mission;
- was informed by Mrs Battaini-Dragoni, Director-General DG IV, on developments in the area of **intercultural dialogue**, including the White Paper, and on the North-South Centre;
- was informed by Mr Dodin, Youth Directorate, of the **Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth** (Kyiv, 11-12 October 2008) and designated members for the different round table discussions;
- set up an ad hoc sub-committee to take part in a **Conference on education and intercultural dialogue** organised jointly with the North-South Centre and the Parliament of Cape Verde (Praia, 16-18 October 2008) and asked members to indicate their interest;

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- appointed a delegation to meet with the **European Parliament Committee on Culture and Education** in Brussels on 9 September;
- **appointed** Mr Kivalov (Ukraine) as an alternate to Mrs Bilozir in the Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage;
- **designated** representatives to forthcoming meetings;
- **prepared** its next meeting to take place in Warsaw on 2-3 September 2008.

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The **Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage**, meeting on 23 June 2008 with Mrs Muttonen in the Chair:

- discussed a draft report on **crafts and cultural heritage conservation skills** by Baroness Hooper (UK, EDG) and in this context received a delegation of young people from Serbia, from the law faculty of Belgrade university;
- was informed by the General Rapporteur Mr O'Hara on recent developments and;
- with regard to the **Bergisel Panorama** (Innsbruck) called for the involvement of the competent federal authorities in decisions concerning the maintenance of the painting in its rotunda;
- with regard to the cultural heritage in the **South Caucasus** took note with regret of the lack of response from the Azeri authorities and of the consequent decision of the General Rapporteur to abandon his study visit to the region;
- with regard to **Rosia Montana** was informed of the decreasing likelihood of the overall mining project going ahead and of the consequent urgency to ensure funding for conservation and publication of the archaeological material that had already been discovered;
- reasserted its interest in holding a conference on **rescue archaeology** in Paris on 8 December
- was informed by Baroness Hooper on the **Europa Nostra** meetings in Newcastle on 12-14 June
- was informed by Ms Cardwell (DG IV) on the new arrangements for the celebration of **European Heritage Days** and agreed to continue its involvement by meeting in Brussels on 23-25 October, subject to Bureau authorisation
- **decided** to hold its next meeting during the next part-session in Strasbourg (29 September – 3 October 2008)

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The **Sub-Committee on the Media**, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 June 2008 with Mr McIntosh in the Chair:

- discussed the draft report on **indicators for media in a democracy** (Rapporteur: Mr Wodarg, Germany, SOC) with the participation of Mr Malinowski, Head of the Media and Information Society Division, and recommended its adoption by the Committee on Culture, Science and Education;
- discussed a memorandum on the **funding of public service broadcasting** (Rapporteur: Mr Laukkanen, Finland, ALDE);

- held an exchange of views with Ms van de Kar, Secretary to the Standing Committee on Transfrontier Television (T-TT) concerning electronic media without frontiers in Europe (Rapporteur: MrMcIntosh, United Kingdom, SOC);
- proposed to hold a colloquy on the funding of public service broadcasting and electronic media without frontiers later this year;
- held an exchange of views on the **conference on the democratisation of mass media in Belarus** (Warsaw, 6-7 June 2008) and proposed to designate Mrs Herasym'yuk (Ukraine, EPP/CD) for the Council of Europe conference on civil society and media on the eve of the 2008 parliamentary elections in Belarus (Vilnius, 23-24 July 2008);
- **decided** to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the next part-session of the Assembly (29 September - 3 October 2008).

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