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

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of the meeting held in Warsaw from 2-3 September 2008

The Committee on Culture, Science and Education meeting in Warsaw on 2-3 September 2008 with Mrs Brasseur in the chair:

- paid a solemn tribute to its long-standing member and former chairman **Lord Russell-Johnston**;
- heard an introductory address by Mr Boronislaw Komorowski, Marshall of the Sejm;
- held an extended exchange of views with Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members of the Committees on Education, Media, Youth, Culture, Science and Sport of the Polish Sejm and Senate;
- approved a report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution and a draft recommendation on **refreshing the youth agenda of the Council of Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Schneider, France, EPP);
- was informed on the preparation of the events on the occasion of the **re-opening of the European Youth Centre** in Strasbourg on 30 September and 1 October 2008;
- took note of the programme for the **Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth**, Kyiv, 10-11 October 2008 and decided to hold a meeting of the Sub Committee on Youth and Sport on 9 October;
- took note of the motion for a recommendation on the **“Mosquito” youth dispersal device** and decided to ask the Assembly Bureau for a reference for report;
- approved its contribution to the debate on the **activities of the OECD** (Rapporteur: Mr Daems, Belgium, ALDE);
- held an exchange of views on **history teaching in areas of recent conflict** (Rapporteur: Miss Keaveney, Ireland, ALDE) and decided in principle to adopt the report in December with a view to an Assembly debate in January 2009;
- heard a report on **cultural heritage** in Austria (Bergisel Panorama), Azerbaijan (medieval cemetery in Nakhichevan) and in Cyprus from the General Rapporteur, Mr O'Hara (United Kingdom, SOC);

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly and Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of 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
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- approved the programme for the conference on **education and intercultural dialogue** to be organised jointly with the North-South Centre and the Parliament of Cape Verde in Praia, added MM. O'Hara, Tekelioglu, Daems, Miss Keaveney and Mr Freire Antunes to its ad hoc sub-committee and appointed Mme Melo (Portugal, SOC) General Rapporteur for the Conference;
- was informed by Mr McIntosh (United Kingdom, SOC) of the **press release on the death of the opposition Ingush journalist, Magomed Yevloyev**, which he intended to issue in his capacity as Standing Rapporteur on threats to the lives and freedom of expression of journalists;
- was informed by Mr. O'Hara on the **Session of the European Youth Parliament** held in Liverpool on 18-27 July 2008;
- prepared the **meeting of a delegation** (consisting of Mrs Brasseur, Miss Keaveney and Mr McIntosh) with the **European Parliament Committee on Culture and Education** (Brussels, 9 September 2008);
- decided to appoint its rapporteurs on **strengthening measures to protect and revive highly endangered languages** and **on Islam, Islamism and Islamophobia in Europe** on the basis of short written presentations from candidates;
- **designated** representatives to forthcoming meetings;
- decided to hold its **next meeting** in Strasbourg during the next part session of the Parliamentary Assembly (29 September-3 October 2008).

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