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

Synopsis

of the meetings held in Strasbourg from 29 September to 2 October 2008

The Committee on Culture, Science and Education meeting on 1 and 2 October 2008 with Mrs Brasseur in the chair:

- **approved** a report, adopting unanimously a draft recommendation and a draft resolution on *Crafts and cultural heritage conservation skills* (Rapporteur: Baroness Hooper, United Kingdom, EDG) and expressed the wish that it be presented to the Standing Committee in Madrid on 28 November 2008;
- **took position** on amendments presented to the draft recommendation on *Refreshing the youth agenda of the Council of Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Schneider, France, EPP/CD);
- **took position** on amendments presented to the draft resolution on *Indicators for media in a democracy* (Rapporteur: Mr Wodarg, Germany, SOC);
- **took note** that no amendments had been presented to the draft recommendation for *the promotion of a culture of democracy and human rights through teacher education* (Rapporteur: Mr Glavan, Romania, ALDE);
- **was informed** of preparations for the meeting of its Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee in Cape Verde (30 October – 1 November) and in particular the Conference on *education and intercultural dialogue* by Mrs Melo, General Rapporteur for the Conference, updated the membership of the Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee and elected Mrs Brasseur as its Chairperson;
- **held** a first discussion on *cultural education* (Rapporteur: Mrs Muttonen, Austria, SOC);
- **agreed** to hold a hearing on *copyright in Europe* at its meeting in Paris on 9 December 2008 (Rapporteur: Mr Arnaut, Portugal, EPP/CD);

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly and Secretariat of the Assembly
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Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
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- **was informed** by Mrs Brasseur and Mr McIntosh of the delegation's meeting with the Culture Committee of the European Parliament (Brussels, 9 September 2008);
- **was informed** by Mrs Stump of a meeting of the Parliamentary Office for evaluation of scientific and technological options (Paris, 22 September 2008);
- **took note** of the joint reply by the Committee of Ministers to Assembly recommendations 1804 on *State, religion, secularity and human rights* and 1805 on *blasphemy, religious insults and hate speech against persons on grounds of their religion*;
- **appointed** the following rapporteurs:
 - Mr Kumcuoğlu, Turkey, EDG, on *Strengthening measures to protect and revive highly endangered languages*;
 - Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC, on *Islam, Islamism and Islamophobia in Europe*;
 - Mr Legendre, France, EPP/CD on *A balanced approach to the rescuing of archaeological finds from development projects*;
 - Mr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD, on *Prohibiting the marketing and use of the "Mosquito" youth dispersal device*;
- **designated** representatives to forthcoming meetings;
- **updated** the list of members of its sub-committees;
- **decided** to hold its next meeting on in Paris on 9 December (Council of Europe office)

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The **Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage**, meeting on 29 September 2008 with Mr Nachbar in the Chair:

- **examined** a draft report on *crafts and cultural heritage conservation skills* presented by Baroness Hooper (United Kingdom, EDG) in the light of comments received from non-governmental organisations;
- **was informed** by the General Rapporteur, Mr O'Hara, on recent developments and
 - with regard to the problem of access to assess damage to **cultural heritage in Nakhichevan**, took note that the matter had been taken up by the President of the Assembly;
 - took note that **damage to cultural property** as a result of the war between Georgia and Russia was being monitored;
 - with regard to the **Bergisel Panorama** (Innsbruck), welcomed support from the International Panorama Council and the Bundesdenkmalamt for maintaining the ensemble;
 - with regard to **cultural heritage in the northern part of Cyprus**, discussed the problem of international expertise;
 - with regard to **St Joseph's Cathedral** (Bucharest), took note that the Constitutional Court had ruled against the authorisation given for the construction of a nearby multi-storey building;
- **was informed** by Mr O'Hara on the visits he had made during the summer to the museums in Thessaloniki and Edirne that had been former winners of the Council of Europe Museum Prize, and to the new Acropolis Museum in Athens, and in this context reopened discussion on the return of cultural property;

- discussed arrangements for its **conference on rescue archaeology** in Paris on 8 December (Assemblée Nationale);
- **decided** to hold its next meeting in Brussels on 23-25 October in the context of the European Heritage Days.

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The **Sub-Committee on the Media**, meeting on 30 September 2008 with Mr McIntosh in the Chair:

- **elected** Mr Laukkanen (Finland, ALDE) Vice-Chairman;
- **held an exchange of views** with Mr Jacques Briquemont, Head of the Brussels Office of the European Broadcasting Union, concerning *the funding of public service broadcasting* (Rapporteur: Mr Laukkanen, Finland, ALDE);
- **held an exchange of views** by teleconference with Mrs Catherine Smadja, Head of Special Projects, Policy and Strategy at BBC and Mr Chris Bone, Head of International Broadcasting at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, London, concerning *electronic media without frontiers in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr McIntosh, United Kingdom, SOC);
- **heard statements** by representatives of the Belarus Embassy in France and the Belarusian Association of Journalists concerning the media situation leading up to the parliamentary elections in Belarus on 28 September 2008;
- **was informed** by the Chairman on media problems in Georgia;
- **decided** to hold its next meeting in Paris (Council of Europe Office) on 17 November 2008 with hearings on the *funding of public service broadcasting* and on *electronic media without frontiers in Europe*.

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The **Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport**, meeting at the European Youth Centre on 30 September and 1 October 2008 with Mr Schneider in the Chair:

- **held an extended exchange of views** with members of the Joint Council on Youth, from both the Advisory Council and the Steering Committee on Youth, and with the participation of young members of the Assembly and representatives of other Assembly Committees;
- **accepted** an amendment presented by youth representatives to the draft recommendation on *Refreshing the youth agenda of the Council of Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Schneider, France, EPP/CD);
- **took part** in the Ceremony for the inauguration of the newly renovated European Youth Centre;
- **discussed** its participation at the 8th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth (Kyiv, 9-11 October 2008);
- **decided** to hold its next meeting in Kyiv on 9 - 11 October 2008.

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