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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 on 27-28 January 2009

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

- re-elected Mrs Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mr Dzembitzki (Germany, SOC) first Vice-Chairperson, Mr Tekelioğlu (Turkey, EPP) second Vice-Chairperson and Mrs Němcová, (Czech Republic, EDG) third Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- reconstituted its sub-committees as follows and decided to put on hold the Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage until the Committee secretariat was itself fully reconstituted:

Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage: Atanasova, Bemelmans-Videc (de Vries), Daems (Ducarme), Debono Grech (Falzon), Duesund, Fernandez-Capel (Sanchez), Heald, Hovannisian (Zohrabyan), Hurskainen, Huseynov, Kazmierczak (Dabkowska-Cichocka), Kovacs (Banovic), Kucheida (Reiss), Kuodyte, Malgieri (Mogherini) Marquet, Melo, Muttonen (Konecny), Nachbar (Hostalier), O'Hara (McIntosh), Olsson (Lilliehöök), Papadopoulos (Sarikas), Reps, Rugate, Šojdrová, Sudarenkov, Tekelioğlu, Voulgarakis (Zissi), Brasseur (ex officio);

Sub-Committee on the Media : Bergamini, Dimitrov, Ducarme (Daems), Falzon, Flego, Franceschini, Freire Antunes, Gautier, Herasym'yuk, Hovannisian (Zohrabyan), Huseynov, Jensen, Johansson, Kanelli (Giannellis-Theodosiadis), Kumcuoğlu, Laukkanen (Hurskainen), McIntosh, Muttonen (Konecny), Němcová (Gajdůšková), O'Reilly (Keaveney), Puche (Quesada), Reimann, Rugate Steiner, Stugligrosz (Lipinski), Stump, de Vries, Wodarg (Fischer), Brasseur (ex officio);

Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport : Arnaut, Ayva, Carracao (Fernandez-Capel), Debono-Grech, Gajdůšková, Giannellis-Theodosiadis (Kanelli), Goutry (Vandenbergh), Graf, Heald, Heynemann (Brüning), Hostalier, Jivkova, Keaveney (O'Reilly), Khorkina, Kovacs (Banovic), Kucheida, Laukkanen, O'Hara, Olsson, Papadopoulos (Sarikas), Reps, Reimann, Russo, (Boldi), Waalkens, Wach, Zohrabyan, Brasseur (ex officio);

- was informed by Mrs Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the role of the Convention on Cybercrime in the protection of children and took position on an amendment presented to the draft recommendation on the **regulation of audiovisual media services** (Rapporteur: Mr McIntosh, United Kingdom, SOC);
- held an exchange of views on the **report on history teaching in areas of recent conflict** (Rapporteur: Miss Keaveney, Ireland, ALDE) with the participation of Mr Titz and Mrs Milko of the History Teaching Division (DG IV) and decided to present the report to the June part session;

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
Secretary General of the Congress
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

- held an exchange of views with parliamentary delegations from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia on cultural cooperation **with the south Mediterranean**;
- held an exchange of views with Mrs Battaini-Dragoni, Director General of DG IV and coordinator for intercultural dialogue, on **Council of Europe activities**;
- was informed by a parliamentary delegation from Kazakhstan of the **Third congress of leaders of world and traditional religions**, which will take place in Astana in 2009;
- decided to present the report on the **funding of public service broadcasting** (Rapporteur: Mr Laukkanen, Finland, ALDE) to the April part-Session;
- was informed by Mr Arnaut on the **Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport** (Athens, 10-12 December 2008);
- was informed by Mr Laukkanen of the need to pursue support for **independent journalists in Belarus**;
- appointed Mr McIntosh (United Kingdom, SOC) Rapporteur on **the potential contribution of the Council of Europe in the development of the European higher education area** and proposed to hold a hearing on the subject at its next meeting;
- confirmed its standing rapporteurs;
- proposed the following institutional representatives:
 - Mrs Melo (Portugal, SOC) and Mr Wodarg (Germany, SOC) to the North South Centre Executive Council,
 - Mr Nachbar (France, EPP/CD) to Europa Nostra,
 - Mr Nachbar (France, EPP/CD) and Mr O'Hara (United Kingdom, SOC) to the Gifts Committee;
- appointed representatives to forthcoming meetings;
- took note of the replies by the Committee of Ministers to Recommendations 1831 on *European Muslim communities confronted with extremism* (Rapporteur for Opinion: Mr Tekelioğlu), 1835 on *Sustainable development and tourism: towards quality growth* (Rapporteur for Opinion: Mr Olsson) and 1833 on *Promoting the teaching of European literature* (Rapporteur: Mr Legendre);
- welcomed an invitation to meet in Istanbul, European City of culture in 2010;
- paid tribute to the professionalism and the commitment of Mr Grayson, Head of Secretariat of the Committee, as it was last committee meeting before his retirement;
- decided to hold its next meeting on Tuesday, 10 March at 10 a.m. in Paris.

The **Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage**, meeting in the context of the full committee on 28 January 2009:

- re-elected Mr Nachbar (France, EPP) Chairman and Mrs Muttonen (Austria, SOC) Vice Chairperson by acclamation.

The **Sub-Committee on the Media**, meeting in the context of the full Committee on 28 January 2009:

- re-elected Mr. McIntosh (United Kingdom, SOC) Chairman and Mr Laukkanen (Finland, ALDE) Vice Chairman by acclamation;
- decided to hold its next meeting during the 2009 April part session.

The **Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport**, meeting on 28 January 2009 in the context of the full Committee:

- elected Mr Arnaut (Portugal, EPP) Chairman and Miss Keaveney (Ireland, ALDE) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- decided to hold its next meeting on 24-25 March in Mollina (Spain) on the occasion of the Joint Council of Youth, subject to approval by the Assembly Bureau.

Christopher Grayson, João Ary, Rüdiger Dossow