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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 10 March 2009

The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education**, with Mrs Brasseur and then Mr Dzembritzki in the chair:

- approved a report and adopted unanimously a draft recommendation on the **funding of public service broadcasting** (Rapporteur: Mr Laukkanen, Finland, ALDE) to be presented to the forthcoming Assembly part-session (27-30 April 2009);

- discussed an outline for a report on the **promotion of Internet and online media services appropriate for minors** (Rapporteur: Mr Kozma, Hungary, SOC) and held an exchange of views with the participation of:

- Mr Zsombor Fekete, member of the Association of Hungarian Content Providers, Budapest,
- Professeur Divina Frau-Meigs, University of Paris,
- Mrs Andrea Millwood Hargrave, Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy, Oxford University;

- discussed an outline for a report and held a hearing on the **potential contribution of the Council of Europe in the development of the European Higher Education Area** (Rapporteur: Mr McIntosh, United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of Mr Sjur Bergan, Head of Department of Higher Education and History Teaching of the Council of Europe and the following experts:

- Dr Anne Corbett, consultant, Visiting Fellow, European Institute of the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London,
- Professor Radu Mircea Damian, President of the National Higher Education Funding Council of Romania, Chairman of the Steering Committee on Higher Education and Research of the Council of Europe,
- Mr Stefan Delplace, Secretary General, European Association of Institutions in Higher Education, Brussels,
- Mr Germain Dondelinger, Director for Higher Education, Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research, Luxembourg,
- Mr Per Nyborg, consultant, former Director General of the Norwegian Ministry for Scientific and Cultural Affairs and Head of the Bologna Process Secretariat (2003-2005);

- discussed an outline for a report on **cultural education** (Rapporteur: Mrs Muttonen, Austria, SOC);

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

- welcomed and accepted an invitation to meet in Copenhagen on 8-9 September 2009 (subject to authorisation by the Assembly Bureau);
- was informed of the meetings of the Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport on the occasion of the statutory meetings in the youth field (Mollina, Spain, 24-25 March 2009) and of the Sub-Committee on the Media (subject to authorisation by the Assembly Bureau) on the occasion of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and New Communication Services (Reykjavik, 28-29 May 2009);
- heard a report by Mr Wach (Poland, EPP) on the preparation of his report on **prohibiting the marketing and use of the “mosquito” youth dispersal device**;
- appointed Mr Olsson rapporteur for opinion on migrants, intercultural dialogue and integration;
- was informed on the following meetings by:
 - Mr O’Hara on the ceremony at the Svalbard Museum (Spitsbergen, Norway, 17-19 February),
 - Mrs Brasseur on the conference “Attitude and knowledge concerning evolution and science in Europe” (Dortmund, 20 February),
 - Mr McIntosh on the meetings of the Standing Committee on Transfrontier Television (Strasbourg, 27-28 January and 25-27 February),
 - Mr Laukkanen on the hearing of the European Parliament on the funding of public broadcasters (Brussels, 5 March),
 - Mr McIntosh on the Steering Committee on Higher Education and Research (Strasbourg, 5-6 March);
- appointed representatives to forthcoming meetings:
 - Mrs Melo - NSC Executive Council (Lisbon 17-18 March),
 - Mr Arnaut - Colloquy on Sports Ethics in Europe (Rennes, France, 15-17 April),
 - Mr McIntosh - CDESR conference on Universities as actors of intercultural dialogue (Moscow 2-3 June);
- made the following changes in membership of its sub-committees:
 - Sub-Committee on the Media: Mr Reimann resigned and Mrs Fiala became alternate to Mrs Stump (Switzerland),
 - Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport: Mrs Herasym’yuk (Ukraine) became member and Mrs Fernandez-Soriano (Spain) replaced Mr Carracao;
- was informed by Mr Korobeynikov of the postponement to May 2010 of the Conference on Education and balanced development in schools;
- took note of a Press Release on the failure of the trial concerning the murder of the journalist Anna Politkovskaya in Russia by Mr McIntosh in his capacity as Standing Rapporteur on threats to the lives and freedom of expression of journalists;
- decided to hold its next meeting during the April part-session (Strasbourg, 27-30 April).

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