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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 20 May 2009

The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education**, with Mrs Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) in the chair:

- approved a report and adopted a draft recommendation on **the potential contribution of the Council of Europe in the development of the European higher education area** (Rapporteur: Mr McIntosh, United Kingdom, SOC) and held a discussion on the subject with the participation of:

- Dr Anne Corbett, Visiting Fellow, European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science;

- held an exchange of views on the **activities of the OECD** (Rapporteur for contribution: Mr Kaźmierczak, Poland, EPP/CD) with the participation of the following representatives from the OECD:

- Mr Bernard Hugonnier, Deputy-Director for Education, Directorate for Education
- Mr Iain Gillespie, Head of Science and Technology Policy, Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry;

- held an exchange of views on **strengthening measures to protect and revive highly endangered languages** (Rapporteur: Mr Kumcuođlu, Turkey, EDG) with the participation of:

- Ms Anahit Minasyan, Assistant programme specialist, Endangered languages, Division of cultural objects and intangible heritage, Unesco
- Mrs Sonia Parayre, Secretariat of the European Charter for regional or minority languages, Council of Europe;

- regretted the decision of the Bureau, not to include its report on **History teaching in conflict and post-conflict areas** (Rapporteur: Miss Keaveney, Ireland, ALDE) in the draft agenda of the Assembly June part-session;

- was informed by Mrs Brasseur on the recent meeting of the Bureau (Madrid, 11 May 2009)

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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

- discussed the possibility of organising, together with the Council of Europe Directorate of Cultural diversity, cultural policy and dialogue, a side-event on 29 September 2009 (during the September part-session) on “Art and Climate Change” and decided to raise this question again at the next committee meeting during the June part-session;
- appointed Mr Olsson to participate in the CDESR conference on universities as actors of intercultural dialogue (Moscow 2 – 3 June 2009) instead of Mr McIntosh;
- decided to hold its next meeting during the forthcoming June part-session (Strasbourg, 22-26 June, 2009)

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