



Committee on Culture, Science and Education  
*Commission de la culture, de la science et de l'éducation*

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## To the members of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education

### Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 4, 6 and 7 October 2010

The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education**, meeting in Strasbourg on 4, 6 and 7 October 2010 with Mrs Melo, Mr Olsson and then Mr Flego in the chair,

paid tribute to its Committee Chairman and former Sub-Committee Chairman, **Mr Andrew McIntosh**, who died on 27 August 2010 and **Mr Daniel Ducarme**, Belgian member of the Committee and Sub-Committee, who died on 28 August 2010, following long and difficult illnesses;

**Election of the Chairperson:** elected **Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego** (Croatia, SOC) Chairman by acclamation;

*as regards:*

**The OECD and the world economy** (*Rapporteur for contribution: Mr Jan Kaźmierczak, Poland, EPP/CD*): considered a report prepared by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development and approved a committee contribution;

**Guaranteeing the right to education for children with illnesses or disabilities** (*Rapporteur: Mr Lokman Ayva, EPP/CD, Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee*): discussed and tabled amendments to the draft resolution and recommendation;

**Strengthening measures to protect and revive highly endangered languages** (*Rapporteur: Mr Ertuğrul Kumcuoğlu, Turkey, EDG*): approved a report and adopted a draft resolution and recommendation;

**The protection of journalists' sources of information** (*Rapporteur: Mr Morgan Johansson, Sweden, SOC*): approved a report and adopted a draft resolution and recommendation;

**The right of everyone to take part in cultural life** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Muriel Marland-Militello, France, EPP/CD*): discussed an outline report, held an exchange of views with Dr Meyer-Bisch, expert, and was informed of the provisional programme of a hearing foreseen in Paris on 3 November 2010;

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Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly  
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly  
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Secretary General of the Congress  
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for Organisational Development and Reform  
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
Director of Communication  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

**Convention on youth rights** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by Ms Kovács on her participation in the United Nations World Youth Conference 2010 in Mexico City on 23-29 August 2010, and held an exchange of views with representatives of the European Youth Forum and the parliamentary delegations of Mexico and Tunisia;

**Activity report by the General Rapporteur on the Cultural Heritage** (*General Rapporteur: Mr Edward O'Hara, United Kingdom, SOC*): heard a report by the outgoing General Rapporteur on activities during his mandate, as well as a report on the cultural heritage of Korche (Korcha), Albania following his recent visit;

**Future of the Council of Europe Museum Prize**: decided to discuss this item at its next meeting in Paris on 4 November 2010;

**Reports on recent meetings**: heard statements and took note of written reports by:

- Mrs Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) on the World Youth Conference, Mexico (23-28 August 2010) (see above),
- Miss Keaveney (Ireland, ALDE) on the Informal Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Baku, 22 September 2010,

#### **Appointment of rapporteurs**

- Mrs Postanjyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) for the report on *the protection of freedom of expression and information in electronic media*;
- Mr Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE) for the report on *the extension of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) to all countries*;
- Mr Rochebloine (France, EPP/CD) for the report on *good governance and sport ethics*;
- Mr Kaźmierczak (Poland, EPP/CD) for the report on *the ethics of science*;

#### **Designation of representatives to forthcoming meetings**

- Mrs Melo (Portugal, SOC) to the North-South Centre Executive Council (Lisbon, 3 November 2010) and to the North-South Centre Forum (Lisbon, 4-6 November 2010);
- Mr Flego (Croatia, SOC) to the European Council of Artists Conference on "Arts funding – artistic freedom" (Zagreb, 5-7 November 2010) – at no cost to the Assembly
- Mr Flego (Croatia, SOC) to the meeting of the Steering Committee on Higher Education and Research (CDESR) and conference on "Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy: the Role of Public Authorities" (Strasbourg, 8-9 November 2010)
- Mrs Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) to the General Assembly of the European Youth Forum (Kyiv, 9 November 2010)

**Reply by the Committee of Ministers**: took note of the reply to Recommendation 1892 (2009) on *Contribution of the Council of Europe to the development of the European Higher Education Area* (Doc. 12364);

**Reply by the Venice Commission**: took note of the reply to the document on "Follow-up to Assembly Recommendation 1897 (2010) on respect for media freedom";

#### **Sub-Committees:**

- took note of a report on the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Media held in Vilnius on 15-16 September 2010 during the United Nations Internet Governance Forum;
- appointed Mrs Jantuan (Moldova, SOC) to the Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage;
- appointed Mr Kubata (Czech Republic, EPP/CD) to the Sub-Committee on the Media with Mrs Gajdušková (SOC) as his alternate;
- took note of the request of Mr Kostřica (Czech Republic, EDG) to be put on the waiting list to become a member of the Sub-committee on the Cultural Heritage

**Next meeting**: decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 3 November in the Assemblée Nationale (Salle Lamartine) and 4 November (Council of Europe Paris office).

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