



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

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of the meeting held in Paris in the French National Assembly  
and in the Paris Office of the Council of Europe  
on 18 February 2011

The **Committee on Culture, Science and Education**, with Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC) in the chair,

*as regards:*

**The religious dimension of intercultural dialogue** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE*): held a hearing with the participation of:

- Mgr Nestor (Sirotenko), Bishop of Chersonèse, responsible for the administration of the Moscow Patriarchate in France, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal (representing the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops in France)
- Mgr Aldo Giordano, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to Council of Europe
- Pastor Claude Baty, President of the French Protestant Federation
- Rabbi Alain Goldmann, Chief Rabbi of the Israelite Consistory of Paris (Chief Rabbi of Paris from 1980 to 1994)
- Mr Haydar Demiryurek, Vice-President of the French Council of the Muslim Faith

and

- Ambassador Arif Mammadov, Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the Council of Europe Chairman of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment (GR-C)
- Mrs Işıl Karakaş, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights (elected in respect of Turkey)
- Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport and Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue, Council of Europe
- Professor Francis Messner, Director, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Strasbourg
- Mr David Pollock, President, European Humanist Federation (Observer);

**The need for a global consideration of human rights implications of biometrics** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE*): considered the report prepared by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and unanimously approved an opinion;

**The future of the Council of Europe Museum Prize**: discussed the future of the Museum Prize and decided to entrust the organisation of the Prize to the European Museum Forum;

**Families' freedom of choice in education in each member state** (*Rapporteur Mrs Blanca Fernández-Capel, Spain, EPP/CD*): considered an outline report;

**Jewish cemeteries** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Blanca Fernández-Capel, Spain, EPP/CD*): considered an outline report;

## **Designation of representatives to forthcoming events:**

designated:

- Miss Cecilia Keaveney (Ireland, ALDE) to the first International Olympic Committee (IOC) seminar on illegal and irregular betting on sport (1 March 2011, Lausanne, Switzerland);

## **Appointment of institutional representatives:**

appointed the following institutional representatives:

- Mr Michael Connarty (United Kingdom, SOC) as alternate to the North South Centre Executive Council (Mrs Catarina Mendonça, Portugal, SOC, was appointed member during the January meeting in Strasbourg),
- Mr André Schneider (France, EPP/CD) as representative to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance of the Council of Europe (ECRI);

## **Sub-Committees**

made the following changes to the membership of its sub-committee:

- Sub-Committee on the Media: Mr Mats Johansson (Sweden, EPP/CD) became member;

**Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings on the following dates:

- 18 March 2011, Paris, Council of Europe office,
- Strasbourg during the 2nd part-session of the Assembly (11-15 April 2011),
- 12 and 13 May 2011, Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Zagreb (Croatia).

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cc. Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly  
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  
Observers to the Assembly  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
Directors General  
Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
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