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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 25 to 28 June 2012

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Strasbourg with **Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego** (Croatia, SOC) and **Ms Anne Brasseur** (Luxembourg, ALDE) in the chair,

- on **Monday 25 June 2012 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
 - *Multiple discrimination against Muslim women in Europe: for equal opportunities* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Comte, Switzerland, ALDE) : considered a report prepared by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and adopted an opinion;
 - *Membership in Sub-Committees*: approved the lists of members of its three sub-committees, as presented in the document [AS/Cult (2012) 02 bil – June/juin];
 - *Right to freedom of choice in education in Europe* (Rapporteur: Ms Quintanilla, Spain, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and a draft resolution;
- on **Tuesday 26 June 2012 at 8.30 a.m.**, as regards:
 - *Right to freedom of choice in education in Europe* (Rapporteur: Ms Quintanilla, Spain, EPP/CD): approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - *The state of media freedom in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Johansson, Sweden, EPP/CD): discussed a background report presented by Mr William Horsley, Media Freedom Representative of the Association of European Journalist and International Director of the Centre for Freedom of the Media, University of Sheffield (UK); held an exchange of views with:
 - Mr Nils Muiznieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Ambassador Thomas Hajnoczi, Permanent Representative of Austria to the Council of Europe, Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy;
 - *Appointment of rapporteurs*: heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from Ms Maria Stavrositu (Romania, EPP/CD), appointed on 29 May 2012 rapporteur on *Violence on television and its consequences on children* (Doc. 12858);
- on **Tuesday 26 June 2012 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
 - *Countering intolerance and discrimination against Muslims in Europe*. held a joint meeting with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and an exchange of views with:

- Mr Sjur Bergan, Head of Education Department, Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Directorate General II – Democracy, Council of Europe
 - Ms Floriane Hohenberg, Head of the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe/ Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)
 - Professor Lynn Davies, Emeritus Professor of International Education, Centre for International Education and Research, School of Education, University of Birmingham
 - Professor Kamel Meziti, Historian of religions, author, specialist of Islam, Adviser of COJEP Council for Justice, Equality and Peace) and member of EMISCO (European Muslim Initiative for Social Cohesion)
 - Ms Malika Hamidi, General Manager of the European Muslim Network, Researcher;
- **on Thursday 28 June 2012 at 2 p.m.**, as regards:
 - ***Governance of institutions of higher education in the European Higher Education Area*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Flego, Croatia, SOC*): considered an addendum and unanimously adopted an amendment to the report;
 - ***The ethics of science*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Kaźmierczak, Poland, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with:
 - Professor Rafael Capurro, President of the International Center for Information Ethics (ICIE) and former member (2000-2010) of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE)
 - Mr Carlos de Sola, Head of Bioethics Department, Directorate of Human Rights, Directorate General I – Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
 - Ms Laurence Lwoff, Secretary of the Bioethics Committee (DH-BIO), Directorate of Human Rights, Directorate General I – Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe;
 - ***Appointment of rapporteurs:***
 - *Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy* (Doc. 12924) : appointed Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - ***Replies from the Committee of Ministers:***

took note of the reply to Recommendation 1984 (2011) "The protection of privacy and personal data on the Internet and online media" and asked the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society to analyse it and to report back;

took note of the follow-up proposals formulated by the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport concerning the Committee of Ministers replies to the Recommendation 1965 (2011) "Education against violence at school" (Doc. 12823) and to the Recommendation 1978 (2011) "Towards a European framework convention on youth rights" (Doc. 12890); on this basis asked the Committee Chairperson:

 - to send the Resolution 1803 (2011) to the Chairperson of the Steering Committee for Educational Policy and Practice (CDPPE) for it to be distributed to all members of the CDPPE;
 - to discuss with Mrs Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, the possibility to:
 - launch a study which should "lay emphasis on the systematic encouragement of policies to improve the access of young people to their rights"
 - prepare a handbook of instruments, programmes and policies on youth rights;
 - ***Designation of representatives to forthcoming events:*** designated:
 - Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC) to participate, together with Mr Michael Connarty (United Kingdom, SOC) already designated by the Committee, in the Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth (24-25 September, St. Petersburg);

- **Sub-Committees:**

approved the following change in the *Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage*: Ms Polonca Komar (Slovenia, ALDE) replaces Ms Iva Dimic (Slovenia, EPP/CD) as a member and Ms Iva Dimic becomes her alternate;

took note of six draft motions for the preparation of new reports transmitted by the three sub-committees, namely:

- The promotion of media content on the Internet
- Good governance and enhanced quality in education
- Raise the status of technical vocational training
- The impact of major sport events on democracy and human rights
- Identities and diversity within intercultural societies
- Europe's endangered heritage;

noted the absence of the quorum required to adopt the motions; supported them and encouraged members to table them according to the procedure laid down in article 24.2;

- **Next meetings:**

Plenary Committee:

- Strasbourg, 4th part-session 2012 (1-5 October 2012)
- Paris, Council of Europe Office (18 et 19 December 2012)

Sub-Committees:

- Maribor, Slovenia, Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (21 September) meeting open to all members of the Committee.

The Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 27 June 2012 from 2 to 3.30 pm with **Mr Michael Connarty** (United Kingdom, SOC), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Sub-Committee work programme:**

heard opening statements on the 40th anniversary of the Council of Europe Youth sector, by:

- Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Directorate General II, Council of Europe;

held an exchange of views on future youth policies in Europe with:

- Ms Maria Paschou, Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth
- Ms Hranush Shahnazaryan, President of Loesje
- Mr Alberto Cottica, Moderator, Edgeryders Project;

considered the priority issues for future Assembly reports in the field of education, youth and sport and decided to submit to the Committee three draft motions for new reports; informed the members on progress in the organisation of the Youth Assembly (Strasbourg, 5-7 October 2012);

- **Follow-up to Committee of Ministers' replies:** considered the Committee of Ministers replies to Recommendation 1965 (2011) "Education against violence at school" (Doc. 12823) and to Recommendation 1978 (2011) "Towards a European framework convention on youth rights" (Doc. 12890); agreed on the proposals by the rapporteurs on follow-up measures and decided to transmit them to the Committee;

- **Next meetings:**
 - Strasbourg, 4th part-session (1-5 October 2012).

The Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 28 June 2012 from 8.30 to 9 am, with **Sir Roger Gale** (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Sub-Committee work programme:**

supported the new draft motion for a resolution prepared by its Chairperson on the promotion of media content on the Internet and decided to transmit it to the Committee;

held an exchange of views with Mr Jan Malinowski, Head of the Media, Information Society, Data Protection and Cybercrime Department, DG Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe;

proposed to hold at its next meeting an exchange of views with the Data Protection Commissioner of the Council of Europe;

- **Other business:** took note of written declaration no. 523 calling for the release of the Polish journalist, Mr Andrzej Poczobut, from a Belarusian prison;

- **Next meetings:**

- Strasbourg, 4th part-session (1-5 October 2012).

The Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 28 June 2012 from 9 to 10 am, with **Ms Muriel Marland-Militello** (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Destruction or restoration of industrial heritage** (*Rapporteur: Ms Ismeta Dervoz, Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD*): considered a draft outline for the report;

- **Sub-Committee work programme:** held an exchange of views on emerging issues to be considered by the Sub-Committee in the future and decided to submit to the Committee two draft motions for new reports on identities and diversity within intercultural societies, and on Europe's endangered heritage; held an exchange of views with members of the Slovene parliamentary delegation on preparations for the next meeting of the Sub-Committee to be held in Maribor on 21 September 2012;

- **Next meetings:**

- Maribor, Slovenia, 21 September 2012
- Strasbourg, 4th part-session 2012 (1-5 October 2012).

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