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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 3 and 4 December 2013

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Paris, with **Mr Piotr Wach** (Poland, EPP/CD) and **Ms Carmen Quintanilla** (Spain, EPP/CD) in the chair,

- on Tuesday 3 December from 9.45 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

as regards:

- **The reform of football governance** (*Rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE*): took note of an information report by the ad hoc Sub-committee on the Reform of International Football; considered and unanimously adopted with the requisite quorum a motion for a resolution on “The reform of football governance” (see appendix);
- **Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE*): considered and unanimously approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **The right to Internet access** (*Rapporteur: Ms Jaana Pelkonen, Finland, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report;
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize 2014** (*Rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr Wim de Vos, President of the Jury for the Museum Prize, and decided to award the Prize to the Baksi Museum (Bayburt, Turkey);
- **Europe’s endangered heritage** (*Rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr Christophe Machat, International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS); considered and unanimously approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **Identities and diversity within intercultural societies** (*Rapporteur: Mr Carlos Costa Neves, Portugal, EPP/CD*): considered an expert report;

- on Wednesday 4 December from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

as regards:

- **Improving user protection and security in cyberspace** (*Rapporteur: Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EP/CD*): considered a draft report;

- **Good governance and enhanced quality in education** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paolo Corsini, Italy, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr Radu Damian, Director of the Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS); considered a draft report;
- **Proposals for future reports in the areas covered by the committee terms of reference**: supported the following draft motions:
 - Rethinking the anti-doping strategy
 - Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad
 - Access to school and education for all children
- **Raise the status of technical vocational training** (*Rapporteur: Mr Piotr Wach, Poland, EPP/CD*): considered a memorandum;
- **References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs**:
 - appointed Mr Hans Franken (Netherlands, EPP/CD) rapporteur for the report on *Increasing co-operation against cyberterrorism and other large-scale attacks on Internet* (Doc. 13319) subject to his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - heard from Mr Christian Barilaro (Monaco, ALDE), rapporteur for *Student mobility*, his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Committee work programme**
- *Reports on recent meetings*

was informed by:

- Mr Paolo Corsini (Italy, SOC) about the 2013 Council of Europe Exchange on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue: “Freedom of religion in today’s world: challenges and guarantees” (2-3 September, Yerevan);
 - Mrs Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) about the conference on transparency of media ownership, organised by the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society with Access Info (24 September, Brussels);
 - Mr Carlos Costa Neves (Portugal, EPP/CD) about the 7th Meeting of the Executive committee of the North-South Centre and the Lisbon Forum 2013 (6-7 November, Lisbon);
 - Mr Michael Connarty (United Kingdom, SOC) about the European Parliament seminar on “Youth and education in the Balkans” (6-7 November, Brussels);
- *Designation of representatives for forthcoming events*

designated:

- Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC) to participate in the thematic debate of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on media freedom (Strasbourg, 12 December 2013), subject to the availability of budgetary appropriations;
- *Sub-committees*

was informed by Lady Diane Eccles (United Kingdom, EDG) about the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society which was held at the National Assembly of Serbia in Belgrade on 6 and 7 November, on the occasion of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society;

- **Next meetings**: decided to hold the following next meetings at:
 - Strasbourg, 1st part-session 2014 (27-31 January 2014)
 - Paris, 12 March 2014
 - Strasbourg, 2nd part-session (7-11 April 2014)
 - Paris, 4 June 2014
 - Strasbourg, 3rd part-session (23-27 June 2014)
 - Strasbourg, 4th part-session (29 September – 3 October)
 - Paris, 4-5 December 2014

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The Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the Reform of International Football (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Paris on 3 December 2013, from 9 am to 9.45 am, with **Ms Anne Brasseur** (Luxembourg, ALDE) and **Mr André Schneider** (France, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2013 jointly with the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport;
- approved an information report on **“The reform of football governance”** and decided to submit it to the plenary Committee; recommended that the Committee adopt with the requisite quorum a motion for a resolution on **“The reform of football governance”**.

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
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
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Appendix

Motion for resolution on “The reform of football governance”

Transparency, accountability and ethics in football governance are closely linked with the promotion of the social function of sport and the fight against corruption. Backing good football governance can significantly contribute to upholding the values of our democratic societies and to guarantee the “rule of law”. These are key aims of the Council of Europe and of its Parliamentary Assembly.

While recognising and respecting the principle of autonomy of football organisations, there is a need to secure that they adhere to, and promote, the highest ethical standards. Sport in general and football in particular are not just “private businesses” but they are of “public interest”. Sports autonomy shall not shield corruption, bribery or malpractice.

Sports organisations have a clear duty to adhere to, and promote, human rights.

Therefore, the Parliamentary Assembly shall encourage and support reforms which are intended to enhance transparency, accountability and ethics in international and European football governance. To this aim the Assembly shall develop concrete proposals and address them to FIFA, UEFA and other stakeholders.