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

Synopsis of the meeting held in The Hague, the Netherlands on 11 and 12 March 2015

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in the Dutch Senate in The Hague, the Netherlands, with Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE) in the Chair, having heard the opening statement by Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol, President of the Dutch Senate:

- **Mass surveillance** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Sir Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EC*): unanimously adopted an opinion on the report by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, including twelve amendments to the draft resolution;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 2031 (2015) on “Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response”**: approved the Committee reply to the Assembly Bureau;
- **Freedom of religion and religious practices** (*Rapporteur: Mr Rafael Huseynov, Azerbaijan, ALDE*): considered a memorandum, decided to change the title of the report to “Freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society” and held a hearing on this subject with:
 - Grand Rabbi Albert Guigui, Grand Rabbi of Brussels, permanent representative of the Conference of European Rabbis to the European institutions in Brussels;
 - Mr Anouar Kbibech, President of the Gathering of French Muslims (Rassemblement des Musulmans de France – RMF), Vice-president of the French Council of the Muslim Faith (Conseil Français du Culte Musulman – CFCM), Paris;
 - Ms Marguerite A. Peeters, Consultor to the Pontifical Council for Culture, Director of the Institute for Intercultural Dialogue Dynamics, Brussels;
 - Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Access to school and education for all children** (*Rapporteur: Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego, Croatia, SOC*): considered a memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Margarete Sachs-Israel, Programme Specialist, Education for All Global Partnerships Team, UNESCO, Paris, and Ms Gabriela Noveanu, Senior Research Analyst, International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), Bucharest;
- **Libraries and museums in times of change** (*Rapporteur: Lady Diana Eccles, United Kingdom, EC*): considered a preliminary draft report and decided to change the title of the report to “The libraries and museums of Europe in times of change”;

- **Increasing co-operation against cyberterrorism and other large-scale attacks on the Internet** (*Rapporteur: Mr Hans Franken, the Netherlands, EPP/CD*): considered a memorandum and held a hearing with:
 - Mr Jacob Kohnstamm, Chairperson, Dutch Data Protection Authority, The Hague;
 - Mr Olivier Burgersdijk, Head of Strategy, European Cybercrime Centre (EC3), Europol, The Hague;
 - Mr Menno van der Marel, CEO, Fox- IT, Delft;
 - Mr Bart Jacobs, Professor of Software Security and Correctness, University of Nijmegen;
 - Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Rethinking the anti-doping strategy** (*Rapporteur: Mr André Schneider, France, EPP/CD*): considered a memorandum and held a hearing with:
 - Mr Michel Rieu, former scientific counsellor to the French Anti-doping Agency (AFLD), Paris;
 - Mr Herman Ram, Director of the Dutch Anti-doping Authority, Capelle aan den IJssel;
 - Mr Chris Vansteenkiste, Senior Specialist of the Operations Department, Europol, The Hague;
 - Mr Anders Solheim, Chairperson of the Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention (T-DO), Council of Europe;
 - Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Towards a European framework of competences for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Legendre, France, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with Mr David Kerr, Citizenship Foundation, London, and Mr Márcio Barcelos, Representative of the European Youth Forum, Brussels;
- **Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn', France, SOC*): considered an outline report and held an exchange of views with Mr Niels Jørgen Thøgersen, President of Europeans Throughout the World, Brussels;
- **Media responsibility and media ethics in a changing media environment** (*Rapporteur: Mr Volodymyr Ariev, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): considered a memorandum and decided to ask for an extension of the reference of this report until 30 June 2015;
- **References for report and appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - appointed Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), rapporteur on “*Parliamentary scrutiny over corruption: parliamentary co-operation with investigative media*” (Doc. 13560), and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - appointed Ms Rózsa Hoffmann (Hungary, EPP/CD), rapporteur on “*Promote Regional or Minority Languages in Central and Eastern Europe*” (Doc. 13613), and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - heard the declaration of absence of conflict of interest of Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE), appointed on 29 January 2015 as rapporteur on “*Freedom of speech on the internet: promoting a uniform approach*” (Doc. 13589);
 - took note of the reference, for information, on “*Rising Islamophobia in Europe*” (Doc. 13631);
- **List of membership of the sub-committees:** approved the changes in the membership of its Sub-Committees;¹

¹ *Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage:* Mr Rom Kostřica (Czech Republic, EPP/CD) becomes a member, and Ms Gabriela Pecková (Czech Republic, EPP/CD) becomes an alternate;
Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society: Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) becomes an alternate; Ms Karin Strenz (Germany, EPP/CD) withdraws from the Sub-Committee.
Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport: Mr Valeri Jablianov (Bulgaria, SOC) and Mr Andrii Lopushanskyi (Ukraine, ALDE) become members; Ms Karin Strenz (Germany, EPP/CD) withdraws from the Sub-Committee.

- **Committee work programme:**

Designation of representatives for forthcoming events: designated, subject to the availability of funds:

- Mr Gvozden Flego (Croatia, SOC), rapporteur on “*Access to school and education for all children*”, to attend the meeting of the intergovernmental Steering Committee for Educational Policy and Practice in Strasbourg from 17 to 19 March 2015;
- Lady Diana Eccles (United Kingdom, EC), rapporteur on “*The libraries and museums of Europe in times of change*”, to attend the annual event organised by the European Museum Forum in Glasgow, United Kingdom, on 16 and 17 May 2015;
- Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn’ (France, SOC), rapporteur on “*Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad*”, to attend the Conference of the EU Presidency on the role of diaspora communities in Riga, Latvia, on 10 and 11 May 2015;

Sub-Committees: was informed by Mr Nicos Nicolaides (Cyprus, SOC) that the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage will be invited in Limassol, Cyprus, in autumn 2015 at a date to be determined, subject to authorisation by the Assembly Bureau, and welcomed this initiative;

- **Other business:** was informed by the Chairperson about the highly regrettable anti-Semitic initiative by the Iranian House of Cartoon and the Sarcheshmeh Cultural Complex to sponsor the 2nd *International Holocaust Cartoons Contest*, and joined the Chairperson in firmly condemning all forms of “negationism” and hate speeches;

- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Strasbourg, 2nd part-session (20-24 April 2015)
Paris, 2 June 2015
Strasbourg, 3rd part-session (22-26 June 2015)
Strasbourg, 4th part-session (28 September – 2 October 2015)
Paris, 3-4 December 2015

- At the end of the meeting, warmly thanked the Dutch Senate, and in particular Mr Hans Franken (the Netherlands, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Dutch delegation to the Assembly and Vice-Chairperson of the Dutch Senate, for having hosted this meeting.

The Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in the Dutch Senate in The Hague on 11 March 2015 from 2 p.m. to 2.15 p.m., with **Sir Roger Gale** (United Kingdom, EC) in the Chair:

- **Election of the Vice-Chairperson:** postponed the election of its Vice-Chairperson to its next meeting;

- **Other business:** agreed to meet on the occasion of a regional conference on the safety of journalists to be organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in the Ukrainian Parliament in Kyiv, Ukraine, in May 2015, subject to authorisation by the Assembly Bureau;

- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

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