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

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 23, 24 and 25 June 2015

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Strasbourg with Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE) in the Chair,

- on Tuesday 23 June 2015 from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., as regards:
 - **Freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society** (*Rapporteur: Mr Rafael Huseynov, Azerbaijan, ALDE*): unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, and unanimously approved a report;
 - **Situation in Hungary following the adoption of Assembly Resolution 1941 (2013)** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego, Croatia, SOC*): adopted an opinion with four amendments;
 - **Towards a European framework of competences for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Legendre, France, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report, held an exchange of views with Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe, and decided to change the title of the report to “Towards a framework of competences for democratic citizenship”;
 - **Promoting city diplomacy in the field of culture** (*Rapporteur: Alexander, The Earl of Dundee, United Kingdom, EC*): considered a draft report and decided to change the title of the report to “Promoting city-to-city cooperation in the field of culture”;
 - **World Forum for Democracy (18-20 November 2015)**: was informed by Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe, on the state of preparation of Forum; proposed Mr Paolo Corsini (Italy, SOC), Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE), Mr Francesco Maria Giro (Italy, EPP/CD), Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE) and Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia (Greece, UEL) as members to the ad hoc committee of the Bureau attending the World Forum for Democracy;
- on Wednesday 24 June 2015 from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., as regards:
 - **Increasing transparency of media ownership** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC*): took position on amendments to the draft resolution and took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft recommendation;
 - **Media responsibility and ethics in a changing media environment** (*Rapporteur: Mr Volodymyr Arieu, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): took note that no amendments had been tabled to the draft resolution and to the draft recommendation;

- **Platform for the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists:** decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;

- **Access to school and education for all children** (*Rapporteur: Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego, Croatia, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report, held an exchange of views with Mr Sjur Bergan, Head of the Education Department and Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation *ad interim*, Council of Europe Directorate General of Democracy (DG II), and heard two representatives of the Kyrgyz Parliament, Ms Elmira Imanalieva and Mr Saidulla Nyshanon, who expressed interest in the possibility to cooperate in the field of education;

- **References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:**

- appointed Ms Vesna Marjanović (Serbia, SOC) Rapporteur on “*New methods of political influence over independent journalism*” (Doc. 13775), subject to her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- appointed Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC) Rapporteur on “*Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe*” (Doc. 13780) and heard his declaration of no conflict of interest;
- decided to postpone to the next part-session the appointment of the Rapporteur for opinion on the motion on “*Preventing the radicalisation of children by fighting the root causes*” (Doc. 13778);

- **Committee work programme:**

Committee motions under rule 25.2: took note of the draft motion on “*Youth against corruption*”. In the absence of the quorum required by article, this motion was tabled by Ms Eleonora Cimbro (Italy, SOC) and other members of the Assembly;

Reports on recent events: was informed by:

- Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn (France, SOC), Rapporteur on “*Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad*”, on the Conference on the role of Diasporas in Riga, Latvia (11-12 May 2015);
- Lady Diana Eccles (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur on “*Libraries and museums in times of change*”, on the European Museum of the Year Award (EMYA) Ceremony organised by the European Museum Forum in Glasgow, United Kingdom (15-16 May 2015);
- Mr Nicos Nicolaidis (Cyprus, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage, on the annual Congress of the Europa Nostra in Oslo, Norway (11-12 June 2015);

Designation of representatives for forthcoming events: designated,

subject to the availability of funds:

- Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE), Rapporteur on “*Freedom of religion and leaving together in a democratic society*”, to attend the Council of Europe Exchanges on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue: “*Building inclusive societies together: the role and place of religion in public space; teaching about religions and non-religious beliefs at school*”, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (8-9 September 2015);
- Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC) and Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE) to attend the Council of Europe Conference on “*freedom of expression: new battlefronts*” in Strasbourg (13-14 October 2015);

with no costs for the Assembly:

- Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur on “*Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe*”, to attend the Conference on public service media at the Croatian Parliament, Zagreb, Croatia (23-24 September 2015);

- Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut (France, SOC), General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment, to attend the EPTA Council and Conference on Innovation and Climate change in Paris (23-24 September 2015);
- **on Thursday 25 June 2015 from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.**, as regards:
 - **Increasing co-operation against cyberterrorism and other large-scale attacks on the Internet** (*Rapporteur: Mr Hans Franken, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): took position on amendments to the draft resolution and to the draft recommendation;
 - **Rethinking the anti-doping strategy** (*Rapporteur: Mr André Schneider, France, EPP/CD*): unanimously adopted a draft resolution and unanimously approved a report;
 - **Culture and democracy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, held an exchange of views with Ms Claudia Luciani, Director of Democratic Governance and Cultural Diversity, Council of Europe Directorate General of Democracy (DG II);
 - **Replies from the Committee of Ministers**: was informed by Mr Nicos Nicolaides (Cyprus, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage, on the analysis and conclusions made by the Sub-Committee to the Committee of Ministers' reply (Doc. 13704) to the Assembly Recommendation 2049 (2014) on "*Identities and diversity within intercultural societies*", and agreed to proceed as suggested by the Sub-Committee;
 - **List of membership of the sub-committees**: approved the changes in the membership of its Sub-committees;¹
 - **Committee work programme**:
 - Extension of reference**: decided to ask the Assembly Bureau for an extension of the reference of the report on "*Co-ordination for efficient Internet governance*" until 30 June 2016;
 - Reports on recent events**: was informed by:
 - Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur on the protection of the safety of journalists and of media freedom in Europe, on the meeting of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) in Strasbourg (16 June 2015);
 - **Next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 4th part-session (28 September – 2 October 2015)
 - Paris, 3-4 December 2015
 - Sub-committee meetings*:
 - Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage:
Limassol, Cyprus, 27 October 2015.

¹ *Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage*: Mr Georgios Pantzas (Greece, UEL) becomes a member; *Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society*: Mr Volodymyr Arieu (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and Ms Svitlana Zalishchuk (Ukraine, EPP/CD) become members; Mr Andrii Lopushanskyi (Ukraine, ALDE) becomes an alternate; Mr Margus Hanson (Estonia, ALDE) and Ms Jaana Pelkonen (Finland, EPP/CD) withdraw from the Sub-Committee; *Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport*: Mr Josip Juratovic (Germany, SOC), Ms Maritxell Mateu Pi (Andorra, ALDE) and Ms Despoina Sveroni (Greece, NR) become members; Mr Margus Hanson (Estonia, ALDE) and Mr Jouko Skinnari (Finland, SOC) withdraw from the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 23 June 2015 from 8.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. with **Sir Roger Gale** (United Kingdom, EC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Vice-Chairperson:** decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- **Intellectual property rights in the digital era:** considered a memorandum by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with Ms Maja Cappello, Head of the Department for Legal Information, European Audiovisual Observatory, Strasbourg;
- **Work programme:** considered and approved its work programme, including an analysis to the replies by the Committee of Ministers to Recommendations 2033 and 2041 (2014); held exchanges of views with:
 - . Mr Grigory Dikov, Secretariat of the Venice Commission, on Opinion 798/2015 of the Venice Commission on Hungarian media laws;
 - . Ms Emmanuelle Machet, Secretary to the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA), Strasbourg, on future co-operation with EPRA;
- **Other business:** thanked the Ukrainian delegation and in particular Mr Volodymyr Arieiev (Ukraine, EPP/CD) for having hosted the conference and meeting in Kyiv on 12 June 2015;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session (28 September – 2 October 2015).

The Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 25 June 2015 from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., with **Mr Nicos Nicolaides** (Cyprus, SOC) in the Chair:

- **Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn'*, France, SOC): held an exchange of views with Ms Sarah Mastantuoni, Organisation of the Swiss Abroad, Bern, Switzerland, and Ms Sevım Taşçı, advisor for integration matters, Saarland, Germany;
- **Reply from the Committee of Ministers:** agreed with the analysis of the Rapporteur, Mr Carlos Costa Neves (Portugal, EPP/CD), and approved his suggestions for further action regarding the reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 13704) to Recommendation 2049 (2014) on "*Identities and diversity within intercultural societies*";
- **Sub-Committee work programme:** held an exchange of views on emerging issues to be considered by the Sub-Committee in the future and possible synergies to develop with the Council of Europe Directorate General of Democracy (DG II) and the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) with Mr Gianluca Silvestrini, Head of the Managing Diversity Division, DG II - Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe;
- **Preparation of the meeting in Limassol, Cyprus (26-27 October 2015):** took note of the state of the preparation for the meeting and of the relevant documents;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Limassol, Cyprus, on 26 and 27 October 2015.

The Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 25 June 2015 from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m., with **Mr Christian Barilaro** (Monaco, EPP/CD), in the Chair:

- **Reply from the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the reply to Recommendation 2054 (2014) on “*Good governance and enhanced quality in education*” (Doc. 13785) and decided to discuss this item at its next meeting;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session (28 September – 2 October 2015).

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
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Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
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