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## To the members of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Limassol, Cyprus on 27 October 2015

**The Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage** (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Limassol on 27 October 2015 from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., with **Mr Nicos NICOLAIDES**, (Cyprus, SOC) in the Chair,

heard a speech of opening by **H. E. Mr. Yiannakis L. Omirou**, President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus;

heard **Ms Adele Gambaro** (Italy, ALDE), Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, who thanked the Cypriot delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe for the kind invitation to meet in Limassol;

as regards:

- **The Council of Europe Framework Convention on the role of Cultural Heritage for Society (Faro Convention) and the European Landscape Convention: cultural and natural heritage as a pivot for innovative programmes for sustainable development:** held a round table discussion on the Council of Europe local development pilot projects (LDPP) with the participation of:
  - Ms Irene Hadjisavva-Adam, Planning Officer A, Department of Town Planning and Housing, Ministry of Interior, Cyprus (project in Limassol);
  - Mr Hugo Toic, Project manager, LDPP Office Island of Cres, Croatia (project in island of Cres);
  - Mr Borce Nikolovski, RPSEE Programme co-ordinator, Department for European Integration and Ms Snezana Gerasmiova-Mateska, Project Co-coordinator, Cultural Heritage Protection Office, Ministry of Culture, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (project in Debar and Reka region);
  - Mr Gianluca Silvestrini, Head of the Managing Diversity Division, DG II - Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe;
- **Work programme of the sub-committee:** held a discussion on future priorities of the sub-committee;
- **The libraries and museums of Europe in times of change** (*Rapporteur: Lady Diana Eccles, United Kingdom, EC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, took note of a preliminary draft report;
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize** (*Rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC*): heard a proposal by the rapporteur, to consider the introduction of a “special recognition” for small or medium size museums;

- **Follow-up to PACE Resolution 1981 (2014) and PACE Recommendation 2038 (2014) on “Europe’s endangered heritage”** (*Rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC*): heard:
  - a presentation on “Preserving heritage in Cyprus: good practices examples” by Dr Marina Solomidou-Ieronymidou, Director of the Department of Antiquities of the Republic of Cyprus;
  - a presentation of activities of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage in Cyprus by Mr Takis Hadjidemetriou and Mr Ali Tuncay, Heads of the committee, and by Ms Athina Papadopoulou, Member of the committee;
  
- **Use of new technologies for heritage conservation:** heard a presentation on “The EU Marie Curie initial Training Network on Digital Cultural Heritage Documentation: A Holistic Approach for the e-Documentation of the Past” by Dr Marinos Ioannides, Cyprus University of Technology and Dr Roko Zarnić, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia;
  
- **Culture and democracy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC*): took note of the information provided by the rapporteur;
  
- **Next meetings:**
  - Strasbourg, 1<sup>st</sup> part-session 2016 (25-29 January 2016).

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