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

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Paris on 8 and 9 December 2016

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Paris with Mr Volodymyr Arieiev (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE) in the Chair,

- on Thursday 8 December 2016 from 9 am to 5 pm:

as regards:

- **References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) rapporteur on *Deliberate destruction and illegal trafficking of cultural heritage* (Doc. 14100) and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **European Museum of Media:** held an exchange of views with Ms Christine Kelly, President of the future European Museum of Media, Paris;
- **Parliamentary scrutiny over corruption: parliamentary co-operation with investigative media** (Rapporteur: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC): adopted unanimously the draft resolution as amended and the draft recommendation, then approved the report;
- **Online media and journalism: challenges and accountability** (Rapporteur: Ms Adele Gambaro, Italy, ALDE): adopted unanimously the draft resolution, then approved the report;
- **Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Volodymyr Arieiev, Ukraine, EPP/CD): adopted unanimously the draft resolution as amended and the draft recommendation, then approved the report;
- **Reply from the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 2080 (2015) "Freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society"**: adopted a draft proposal by the Assembly to the Committee of Ministers, prepared by Ms Anne Brasseur, concerning the set-up of a platform for dialogue between the Council of Europe and senior representatives of religions and non-denominational organisations, and decided to transmit it to the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Good football governance** (Rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **The status of journalists in Europe** (Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Drobinski-Weiss, Germany, SOC) and **The protection of editorial integrity** (Rapporteur: Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC): in the absence of Mr Howell, held a joint exchange of views with Ms Dominique Pradalié, Secretary General, National Union of Journalists, Paris; Mr William Horsley, Media Freedom Representative, Association of European Journalists, London; Ms Pauline Adès-Mével, Head of EU and Balkans Desk and Mr Johann Bihr, Head of Eastern Europe and Central Asia Desk, both from Reporters without Borders;

- **on Friday 9 December 2016 from 9 am to 4 pm, as regards:**
 - **Council of Europe Museum Prize 2017** (*Rapporteur: Ms Adele Gambaro, Italy, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with Mr. José Gameiro, Chairperson of the Judging Panel for the Museum Prize and decided to award the 2017 Museum Prize to the Mémorial ACTe, Caribbean Centre of Expressions and Memory of the Slave Trade and Slavery (Guadeloupe, France); was informed by the rapporteur on the preparation for the 40th anniversary of the Council of Europe Museum Prize and approved the initiative of preparing a video to commemorate the Prize;
 - **The protection and promotion of Regional or Minority Languages in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Rózsa Hoffmann, Hungary, EPP/CD*): considered an expert report by Mr Stefan Oeter, Vice-Chair of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ECRML), and held an exchange of views with the expert;
 - **Working methods, priorities and planning of the committee and sub-committees activities for 2017**: held a discussion based on proposals submitted by the Chairperson of the committee;
 - **Technological convergence, artificial intelligence and human rights** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut, France, SOC*): considered an expert report by Mr Rinie van Est, Research coordinator, Rathenau Instituut, Netherlands, and held an exchange of views with the expert and with Ms Dafna Feinholz, Chief of Section, Bioethics and Ethics of Science and Mr Tee Wee Ang, Programme Specialist, Responsible for the Global Ethics Observatory (GEObs), both from UNESCO;
 - **References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - appointed Mr Johan Nissinen (Sweden, NR) rapporteur for opinion on *Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the "Cairo Declaration"?* ([Doc. 13965](#)), subject to his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - took note of the reference *State of media freedom in Hungary* ([Doc. 14173](#)) sent for taking into account in the preparation of the report on "*Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe*";
 - **Replies from the Committee of Ministers**: took note of the:
 - Reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 14153](#)) to Recommendation 2088 (2016) "*Towards a framework of competences for democratic citizenship*" and asked the rapporteur, Mr Jacques Legendre, and the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport to prepare an analysis with proposals of follow-up to be given and to report back to the committee;
 - Reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 14207](#)) to Recommendation 2093 (2016) "*Culture and democracy*" and asked the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage to prepare an analysis with proposals of follow-up to be given and to report back to the committee;
 - **Membership of sub-committees**: approved the following change in the membership of the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport: Ms Maura Hopkins (Ireland, EPP/CD) becomes member;
 - **Committee work programme:**
 - Designation of representatives for forthcoming events**: designated, subject to the availability of funds:
 - Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) to attend the meeting of the Committee on offences relating to cultural property (PC-IBC) in Strasbourg (12-13 January 2017);
 - Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE) to attend the European Museum of the Year Award Ceremony (EMYA) in Zagreb, Croatia (5-6 May 2017);
 - with no costs for the Assembly:
 - Ms Eleonora Cimbro (Italy, SOC) to attend the round table on the fight against the corruption, the economic growth and foreign operations of Italian companies, in Roma (13 December 2016);

Sub-committees:

- thanked the Danish delegation and Mr Mogens Jensen for the invitation to the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage and the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport to meet in Aarhus on 3-4 April 2017; took note that the two sub-committees will take position on this invitation during the January 2017 part-session, after their reconstitution;
- took note of information given by Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn' on priorities for the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage;

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

Strasbourg, 1st part-session (23-27 January 2017)

Paris, 22-23 March 2017

Strasbourg, 2nd part-session (24-28 April 2017)

Paris, 18-19 May 2017

Strasbourg, 3rd part-session (26-30 June 2017)

Paris, 21 (or 22) September 2017 (*tbc*)

Strasbourg, 4th part-session (9-13 October 2017)

Budapest, 4-5 December 2017 (*tbc*)

The Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Paris on Thursday 8 December 2016 from 5 pm to 5.30 pm, with **Ms Gülsün Bilgehan** (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Work programme:**

decided to submit to the committee proposals for follow-up action to the:

- Reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 13950) to Recommendation 2074 (2015) "*Increasing transparency of media ownership*";
- Reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 13951) to Recommendation 2075 (2015) "*Media responsibility and ethics in a changing media environment*";
- Reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 14055) to Recommendation 2077 (2015) "*Increasing co-operation against cyberterrorism and other large-scale attacks on the Internet*";

took note of the conclusions and recommendations from the Conference on Public Service Media and Democracy (Prague, 10-11 November 2016);

- **Next meeting:** decided to meet in Strasbourg, during the 1st part-session 2017 (23 – 27 January 2017).

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Director 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
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Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
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