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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 22 and 23 March 2017

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Paris with Mr Volodymyr Arieu (Ukraine, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- on Wednesday 22 March 2017 from 9 am to 4.00 pm:

as regards:

- **Technological convergence, artificial intelligence and human rights** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut, France, SOC*): adopted unanimously the amended draft recommendation, then approved the report;
- **The protection and promotion of Regional or Minority Languages in Europe**: supported the new motion for a resolution, which will be tabled by Ms Rózsa Hoffmann (Hungary, EPP/CD) to resume the work of the committee on this issue;
- **Cooperation between the Committee and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe**: held an exchange of views with Ambassador António Gamito, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe;
- **Sub-committees**: was informed by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) of the programme of the joint meeting that the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage and the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport will hold in Aarhus on 3-4 April 2017; took note that the invitation is addressed to all its members and all those who might wish to attend this meeting will be welcome;
- **Deliberate destruction and illegal trafficking of cultural heritage** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and held a hearing with Mr Edouard Planche, Programme Specialist, Movable Heritage and Museums Section, Unesco, Ms France Desmarais, Director of Programmes and Partnerships, ICOM (International Council of Museums) and Mr John Bold, heritage expert, United Kingdom; agreed in principle on the organisation of two fact-finding visits, in one "source country" (Greece or Cyprus) and in one "market country" (possibly United Kingdom) which will then be authorised subject to the availability of funds;
- **Draft Convention of the Council of Europe on Offences relating to Cultural Property**: held an exchange of views with Ms Claudia Luciani, Director, Directorate of Democratic Governance, DGII, Council of Europe and Mr Carlo Chiaromonte, Secretary of the Committee on Offences relating to Cultural Property (PC-IBC), Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG I), Council of Europe; took note that the Assembly will be asked to give an opinion on the *Draft Convention of the Council of Europe on Offences relating to Cultural Property* during the April part-session and that Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) is willing to be appointed as the rapporteur for the preparation of the opinion following the urgent procedure of the Assembly's draft opinion;

- **References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed:
  - Mr Frederic Reiss (France, EPP/CD) rapporteur on *Creation of the position of "Internet Ombudsman" in charge of assessing the legal or illegal nature of internet contents through screening procedures* (Doc. 14243) subject to his declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
  - Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn' (France, SOC) rapporteur for the opinion on *Integration of refugees in times of critical pressure: learning from recent experience and examples of best practice* (Doc. 13903), subject to his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Membership of sub-committees:** approved the following changes in the memberships,
  - For the sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport:
    - Mr Philippe Blanchart, (Belgium, SOC) becomes a full member in place of Mr Gryffroy
    - Mr Žarko Obradović, (Serbia, SOC) becomes a full member
    - Mr Gordan Maras, (Croatia, SOC) becomes a full member
  - For the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage:
    - Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) becomes a full member in place of Mr Blanchart
    - Ms María Concepción de Santa Ana (Spain, EPP/CD) becomes a full member
    - Alexander, The Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EPP/CD) becomes alternate of Ms Smith
- **Committee work programme:** took note that Mr Paolo Corsini (Italy, SOC) resigned from rapporteur on *Safeguarding and enhancing Europe's intangible cultural heritage* and that Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) would be interested in becoming the new rapporteur;

**Designation of representatives for forthcoming events:** designated,

subject to the availability of funds:

- Ms Brasseur, rapporteur on *Good football Governance* to visit FIFA in Zurich and have meeting with experts in Zurich and/or Basel on 20 and 21 April 2017,
- Lady Eccles, former rapporteur on *The libraries and Museums of Europe in times of change* to attend the 40th anniversary of EMYA on 5-6 May 2017 in Zagreb, Croatia, the budget of the Assembly covering only registration fees,
- Lady Eccles, institutional representative to Europa Nostra to attend the annual Conference of Europa Nostra in Turku, Finland, on 12-13 May 2017,
- Mr Schennach, rapporteur general on Science and Technology Impact Assessment to participate in the 3rd European Technology Assessment Conference, on 17-19 May, in Cork, Ireland;

with no costs for the Assembly:

- Mr Efstathiou, rapporteur on *Reshaping the role of education for "digital citizens"*, to attend the Conference to promote the "European Cultural Heritage Strategy for the 21st Century on 6-7 April 2017, in Limassol, Cyprus;

• **on Thursday 23 March 2017 from 9 am to 12:30**, as regards:

- **Political influence over independent media and journalists** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered a draft report and held an exchange of views with Prof. Marilyn Clark, Department of Psychology, Faculty for Social Wellbeing, University of Malta and with Mr Ricardo Gutiérrez, General Secretary, European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), Brussels;
- **Media freedom as a condition for democratic elections** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr Rasťo Kužel, Executive Director of MEMO 98, Slovakia and with Ms Lusine Badalyan, Senior Election Adviser, OSCE-ODIHR, Poland ;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2nd part-session (24-28 April 2017); noted that the meeting planned in Paris on 15-16 May 2017 would clash with the meeting of the Monitoring Committee on the same dates and asked the Chairperson to check whether it would be possible to call the meeting at different dates.

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