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

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Budapest, Hungary, on 4 and 5 December 2017

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Budapest with Mr Volodymyr Ariev (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and Lord George FOULKES (United Kingdom, SOC) in the Chair,

- on Monday 4 December 2017 from 9 am to 5.30 pm:

heard an opening statement by Mr Levente Benkő, Political Director, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary,

as regards:

- **The protection and promotion of Regional or Minority Languages in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Rózsa Hoffmann, Hungary, EPP/CD*): took note of the explanatory memorandum and of the request by the Ukrainian delegation to present a dissenting opinion in the form and within the frame-time foreseen by the Rules of Procedure; then adopted the draft resolution as amended and adopted unanimously the draft recommendation, thus approving the report;
- **Working towards a framework for modern sports governance** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): took note of the explanatory memorandum and adopted unanimously the draft resolution as amended and the draft recommendation, thus approving the report;
- **Good football governance** (*Rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE*): took note of the explanatory memorandum and adopted unanimously the draft resolution as amended, thus approving the report;
- **The status of journalists in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Drobinski-Weiss, Germany, SOC*): took note of the explanatory memorandum and adopted unanimously the draft resolution, thus approving the report;
- **Safeguarding and enhancing Europe's intangible cultural heritage**: considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Zsolt Sári, Deputy Director General of the Hungarian Open Air Museum; Ms Maria Walcher, Independent expert for Intangible Cultural Heritage, Austria and Ms Eva Zahumenska, Director of the Centre for intangible cultural heritage, Slovak Republic;
- **Working methods, priorities and planning of the committee and sub-committees activities for 2018**: considered a memorandum by the Chairperson of the committee; considered that its current working structures (its three sub-committees and two General Rapporteurs) should be kept; took note of the provisional planning of its future activities and expressed its support for the three new motions for resolutions on:

- *Football governance and ethics: business or values?*, tabled by Ms Anne Brasseur
 - *Towards a system of monitoring and regulation to counter misinformation in and manipulation by social media*, tabled by Lord George Foulkes
 - *Media education in the new media environment*, tabled by Ms Nino Gogvadze;
- **References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed **Mr Rafael Huseynov** (Azerbaijan, ALDE) rapporteur on *Education geared towards pupils' needs* (Doc. 14362) and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the Reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 14432) to *Recommendation 2102 (2017) "Technological convergence, artificial intelligence and human rights"* and asked Mr Stefan Schennach, General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment, to examine the reply, to prepare an analysis with proposals of follow-up, and to report back to the committee;
- **on Tuesday 5 December 2017 from 9 am to 12.30 pm**, as regards:
 - **Deliberate destruction and illegal trafficking of cultural heritage** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report; subject to the availability of funds, approved two fact-finding visits by the rapporteur to Switzerland (transit country with an important art market) and to Malta (transit country which has not ratified international instruments in this domain);
 - **Council of Europe Museum Prize 2018** (*Rapporteur: Ms Adele Gambaro, Italy, FDG*): held an exchange of views with Mr. José Gameiro, Chairperson of the Judging Panel for the Museum Prize, and decided to award the 2018 Museum Prize to the War Childhood Museum (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina);
 - **Media freedom as a condition for democratic elections** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC*): considered an expert report and held an exchange of views with Mr Rast'o Kužel, MEMO 98, Bratislava;
 - **References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed **Mr Jordi Xuclà** (Spain, ALDE) rapporteur on *Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Europe* (Doc. 14365), and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 1st part-session (22-26 January 2018)
 - Paris, 22 March 2018 (*tbc*)
 - Strasbourg, 2nd part-session (23-27 April 2018)
 - Paris, 25 May 2018 (*tbc*)
 - Strasbourg, 3rd part-session (25-29 June 2018)
 - Tbilisi, September 2018 (*dates to be confirmed*)
 - Strasbourg, 4th part-session (8-12 October 2018)
 - Paris, 6-7 December 2018 (*tbc*)

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The Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting at the Council of Europe, European Youth Centre in Budapest on Wednesday 6 December 2017 from 9 am to 5 pm with **Ms Gülsün Bilgehan** (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair,

Heard a welcome statement by Ms Gordana Berjan, Director of the European Youth Centre in Budapest, Council of Europe;

as regards:

- **Conference on the role of national parliaments in improving independence and pluralism of the media:** held discussions on:

- *Legal standards for media transparency and pluralism*, moderated by Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society, member of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, with Mr Gvozden Flego, Honorary member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and former Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, Croatia; Ms Helena Mandić, Vice-chairperson of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA), Director of Broadcasting, Communications Regulatory Agency, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Mr Marius Dragomir, Director, Centre for Media, Data and Society, School of Public Policy, Central European University;
- *Regulating independence and pluralism of audio-visual media: implementation challenges*, moderated by Ms Helena Mandić, Vice-chairperson of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA), Director of Broadcasting, Communications Regulatory Agency, Bosnia and Herzegovina, with Ms Maria Donde, International Policy Manager, Ofcom, United Kingdom; Mr Ivane Makharadze, Head of Broadcasting Regulation Department, National Communications Commission, Georgia; and Ms Aiga Grišāne, Head of Media Policy Division, Ministry of Culture, Latvia;
- *Institutional and editorial independence of public service broadcasting: topical challenges*, moderated by Mr Gvozden Flego, Honorary member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and former Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, Croatia, with Ms Jenny Weinand, European Broadcasting Union, Legal Department; Mr Michael Randall, Former Project Leader for public service broadcasting reform projects implemented by the BBC in Eastern Europe and the Middle East; and Ms Oleksandra Koltsova, Member of the Managing Board, Public Broadcasting Company, Ukraine;

held debates with the participation of parliamentarians, media regulators and journalists from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus, and heard the conclusions by Mr Rasto Kužel, Executive Director of MEMO 98, Bratislava, general rapporteur for the conference, Ms Gülsün Bilgehan and Mr Gvozden Flego;

- **Next meeting:** decided to meet next in Strasbourg during the 1st part-session (22 - 26 January 2018).

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