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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 March 2018

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in Paris with Ms María Concepción de Santa Ana, (Spain, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- **on Thursday 22 March 2018 from 9 am to 5.30 pm**, as regards:
 - **The protection of editorial integrity** (*Rapporteur: Mr Volodymyr Ariev, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): took note of the explanatory memorandum and adopted unanimously the draft resolution, thus approving the report;
 - **Education and culture: new partnerships to support personal development and cohesion** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): heard a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interest from Mr Jensen on this report and the report on "Football governance and ethics: business or values?"; considered an information memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to send a questionnaire to the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD);
 - **Internet and human rights**: held a joint hearing on the three reports below, with the participation of Mr Marco Pancini, Director of Public Policy of Google, Mr Dan Shefet, Lawyer at the Court of Appeal of Paris and Mr Oliver Gray, representative of the European Advertising Standard Alliance (EASA);
 - **Co-ordination for efficient Internet governance** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andres Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD*): considered an information memorandum and agreed to change the title of the report to "Internet governance and human rights";
 - **Are social media contributing to limiting freedom of expression?** (*Rapporteur: Mr José Cepeda, Spain, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, at his request considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to change the title of the report to "Social media: social threads or threats to fundamental freedoms?";
 - **Creation of the position of "Internet Ombudsman" in charge of assessing the legal or illegal nature of internet contents through screening procedures** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frédéric Reiss, France, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to change the title of the report to "Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution";
 - **Media freedom as a condition for democratic elections** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Giovanna Maiola, Senior media researcher and training coordinator at Election Observation and Democracy Support (EODS), and Mr Marco Pancini, Director of Public Policy of Google;
 - **Reshaping the role of education for "digital citizens"** (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, at his request considered an information memorandum, agreed to change the title to "The role of education in the digital era: from "digital natives" to "digital citizens"

and invited committee members to send contributions on best practices of innovative approaches to digital education in their countries before 20 April 2018;

- **The importance of public service broadcasting in the context of fake news, agitation and propaganda:** (*Rapporteur: Mr Petri Honkonen, Finland, ALDE*); considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to change the title to “Public service media in the context of fake news and propaganda”;

- heard a communication from Mr Horst Schade, Director for General Services of the Assembly, concerning the financial situation of the Council of Europe and the measures taken to reduce costs within the Assembly as decided by the Bureau on 26 January 2018;

- **References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:** “Towards a system of monitoring and regulation to counter misinformation in and manipulation by social media” [Doc. 14458]: decided to postpone this item to the next meeting;

- **Committee work programme:**

- **Prolongation of references:** proposed to extend the following references:

- “Safeguarding and enhancing Europe’s intangible heritage” (*Rapporteur: Mr Andries Gryffroy, Belgium, NR*) to 31 January 2019;
- “Reshaping the role of education for “digital citizens” – new title “The role of education in the digital era: from “digital natives” to “digital citizens”” (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*) to 31 January 2019;

- **Reports on recent meetings:** heard Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) on his fact-finding visit to Valetta, Malta, on 27-28 February 2018 in the context of preparing his report on “Deliberate destruction and illegal trafficking of cultural heritage”;

- **Designation of representatives for forthcoming events:** appointed,

subject to the availability of funds:

- Ms Adele Gambaro, Rapporteur on the Museum Prize, to attend the European Museum of the Year Award Ceremony, Warsaw, Poland (11-12 May 2018);
- Mr Andries Gryffroy, PACE representative to Europa Nostra, to attend the Europa Nostra annual conference “European Heritage Summit 2018”, Berlin, Germany (20-21 June 2018);

with no costs for the Assembly:

- Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ADLE) and Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) to attend the Governing board meeting of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Strasbourg (14 or 15 May 2018));

- **Draft motions of resolutions and recommendations:** decided to support the following motions:

- “New forms of public debate on the ethical aspects of rapid advances in science and technology”, moved by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
- “Time to act: Europe’s political response to fighting the manipulation of sport competitions”, moved by Mr Roland Büchel (Switzerland, ALDE);

- **Membership of sub-committees:** approved the following change:

Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage:

- Ms Tabea Rössner (Germany, SOC) becomes an alternate member to Mr Norbert Kleinwächter (Germany, NR);

- **Next meetings:**

- Strasbourg, 2nd part-session (23-27 April 2018)
- Paris, 25 May 2018
- Strasbourg, 3rd part-session (25-29 June 2018)
- Tbilisi, 25 September 2018 (subject to Bureau’s authorisation)
- Strasbourg, 4th part-session (8-12 October 2018)
- Paris, 6-7 December 2018

The Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Paris on Thursday 22 March 2018 with Mr Carlos Alberto Gonçalves (Portugal, EPP/CD) and then Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Election of the Vice-Chairperson:** elected by acclamation Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) Vice-Chairperson;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting with the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons) in London, on 26 March 2018.

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