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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 26 and 28 June 2018

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Strasbourg with Mr Andres Herkel, (Estonia, EPP/CD), Lady Diana Eccles (United Kingdom, EC), Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) and Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair,

• on Tuesday 26 June 2018 from 2 pm to 3.30 pm, as regards:

- **References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs**: appointed Mr Roland Rino Büchel (Switzerland, ALDE) rapporteur on *Time to act: Europe's political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions* (Doc. 14518) and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

- **Information society, democracy and human rights**: held a hearing, with the participation of Professor Jean-Gabriel Ganascia, President of the CNRS Ethics Committee (COMETS), *Université Pierre et Marie Curie* (UPMC), Paris; Professor Francisco Segado Boj, Director of the Research Group "Communication and Digital Society", *Universidad International de la Rioja* (UNIR), Spain; and Mr Dan Shefet, Lawyer at the Court of Appeal of Paris, France; the hearing focused on topics of interest for the following reports:

- Internet governance and human rights (Rapporteur: Mr Andres Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD),
- Social media: social threads or threats to fundamental freedoms? (Rapporteur: Mr José Cepeda, Spain, SOC),
- Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution (Rapporteur: Mr Frédéric Reiss, France, EPP/CD),
- Media education in the new media environment (Rapporteur: Ms Nino Goguadze, Georgia, EC);

- **Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frédéric Reiss, France, EPP/CD*): considered an expert report;

• on Thursday 28 June 2018 from 8.30 am to 10 am, as regards:

- Media freedom as a condition for democratic elections (*Rapporteur: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;

- Education and culture: new partnerships to support personal development and cohesion (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): considered an information memorandum;

- **The value of cultural heritage in a democratic society** (*Rapporteur: Alexander [the Earl of] Dundee, United Kingdom, EC*): considered an information memorandum;

- World Forum for Democracy – Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018: took note of the dates of the next forum on the theme *Women's participation in public and political affairs* and designated Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE) to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;

- References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs: appointed:

- Mr Koloman Brenner (Hungary, NR) rapporteur on *Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Europe* (Doc. 14365) and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest,
- Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) rapporteur on New forms of public debate on the ethical aspects of rapid advances in science and technology (Doc. 14517), subject to his declaration of absence of conflict of interest,
- Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) rapporteur on *Threats to media freedom and journalists' security in Europe* (Doc. 14455) and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- on Thursday 28 June 2018 from 2 pm to 3.30 pm, as regards:

- **References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs**: heard the declaration of absence of conflict of interest from Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), appointed rapporteur on *New forms of public debate on the ethical aspects of rapid advances in science and technology* (Doc. 14517);

- **Deliberate destruction and illegal trafficking of cultural heritage** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): took note that there were no amendments to the draft resolution and to the draft recommendation;

- The role of education in the digital era: from "digital natives" to "digital citizens" (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered an information memorandum;

- Jewish cultural heritage preservation (*Rapporteur: Mr Raphaël Comte, Switzerland, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Michael Mail, Chief Executive, Foundation for Jewish Heritage, UK (*via video-conference*) and Mr Yoav Rossano, Head of Heritage, Israelite consistory of Bas-Rhin, France;

- **World Forum for Democracy – Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018**: designated Mr Francesco Maria Giro (Italy, EPP/CD) to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;

- **Composition of sub-committees**: approved the following changes in the composition of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage:

- Ms Susan Elan Jones (United Kingdom, SOC) becomes the alternate of Alexander [The Earl of] Dundee (United Kingdom, EC),
- Ms Vicky Ford (United Kingdom, EC) becomes the alternate of Lady Diana Eccles (United Kingdom, EC);

- Committee work programme:

Approval of rapporteurs' fact finding visits: approved, subject to the availability of funds:

- the fact-finding visit by Mr Raphaël Comte (Switzerland, ALDE), rapporteur on *Jewish cultural heritage preservation*, to Lithuania (15-17 October 2018);
- the fact-finding visit by Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland, ALDE), rapporteur on *Public service media in the context of fake news and propaganda*, to the BBC in London (dates to be agreed on later, during week 42 or 43);

Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events: decided to ask for the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly for the participation of Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), representative of the committee to the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre), in the meeting of the executive Bureau of the North-South Centre in Tunis (16 October 2018);

- **Other business**: was informed by Mr Paolo Corsini and Ms Adele Gambaro that this was their last meeting and thanked them warmly for the significant contribution they had made to the work of the committee and the Assembly;

- **Next meetings**: decided to hold its next meeting in Tbilisi on 25 September 2018 and to open to the public the hearings and exchanges of views which will be held there; took note of the calendar of the next meetings as it follows:

Tbilisi, 25 September 2018,

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 Strasbourg on Monday 25 June 2018 from 2 pm to 3 pm with Ms Nino Goguadze (Georgia, EC) in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Cultural Routes programme of the Council of Europe**: held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Stefano Dominioni, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, DGII - Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe;

- **European Heritage Strategy for the 21st century**: held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Ana Schoebel, Programme Manager Strategy 21, Culture and Cultural Heritage Division, DGII - Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe;

- Work programme of the sub-committee and future priorities: decided to postpone this item to the next meeting of the sub-committee;

- **Other business**: heard Lady Diana Eccles (United Kingdom, EC) on the initiative of the "Global Women in Music for Human Rights";

- **Next meeting**: decided to hold its next meeting during the fourth part-session, if feasible on 8 October 2018.

The Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on Wednesday 27 June 2018 from 2 pm to 3.30 pm with Mr Georgios Mavrotas (Greece, SOC) in the Chair,

as regards:

- Hearing on "Time to act: Europe's political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions": held a hearing with the participation of Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe; Mr Harri Syväsalmi, Secretary General, Finnish Centre for Integrity in Sports, Finland; Mr Friedrich Martens, Head of the Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, Lausanne, Switzerland (*via video conference*); and Mr João Paulo Almeida, Director General, Olympic Committee of Portugal, Portugal;

- Joint discussion on the purpose of, and the expectations from, the future Parliamentary Alliance: decided to postpone this item to the Task Force which was meeting in the margins of the sub-committee meeting;

- **Next meeting**: decided to hold its next meeting with the Sub-Committee on Children (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) in Tbilisi on 17 October 2018.

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly Directors 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 Directors General Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights Director of Communication Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe