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

### Synopsis

#### of the meeting held in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 25 September 2018

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in Tbilisi on 25 September 2018 with Ms María Concepción de Santa Ana (Spain, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Welcome addresses by the hosts:** heard speeches by Mr Irakli Kobakhidze, Chairman of the Georgian parliament and Ms Irina Abuladze, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport, Georgia;
- **Safeguarding and enhancing Europe's intangible cultural heritage** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andries Gryffroy, Belgium, NR*): considered an information memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Marina Taktakishvili, Expert at the National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia, and Mr Irakli Cholobargia, Head of Marketing and Public Relations Department at LEPL National Wine Agency, both from Georgia;
- **Information society, democracy and human rights:** held a hearing, with the participation of Ms Margo Smit, Ombudsman and Dutch Public Broadcaster (NPO), Investigative reporter, Vice Chair of Global Investigative Journalism Network, Netherlands, Ms Mariam Sulaberidze, Head of International Relations and Project Management, Georgian National Communications Commission, Ms Ketik Rekhviashvili, Head of Market Analysis and Strategic Development Department, Georgian National Communications Commission, and Ms Ketevan Chachava, Executive Director, Center for Development and Democracy, Georgia; 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 Gogvadze, Georgia, EC*);
- **Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frédéric Reiss, France, EPP/CD*): decided to modify the title of the report (uniquely in French to better comply with the English title) to: "Vers une institution d'ombudsman chargé des questions liées à l'internet" ;
- **Social media: social threads or threats to fundamental freedoms?** (*Rapporteur: Mr José Cepeda, Spain, SOC*): considered an expert report; decided to modify the title of the report (uniquely in French to better comply with the English title) to: "Les médias sociaux: créateurs de liens sociaux ou destructeurs des libertés fondamentales?";
- **Media freedom as a condition for democratic elections** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC*): took note of the explanatory memorandum by the rapporteur and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, thus approving the report;
- **The role of education in the digital era: from "digital natives" to "digital citizens"** (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;

- **Education and culture: new partnerships to support personal development and cohesion** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered a preliminary draft report and decided to change the title to “Education and culture: new partnerships to recognise personal development and competences”;
- **Public service media in the context of fake news and propaganda** (*Rapporteur: Mr Petri Honkonen, Finland, ALDE*): in the absence of the rapporteur, held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Natia Kuprashvili, Coalition of Media Advocacy Coordinator and Head of National Platform for the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, Georgia, and Mr George Gvimradze, Director of news and current affairs, Georgian Public Broadcaster;
- **The Council of Europe Museum Prize**: appointed Ms Nino Gogvadze (Georgia, EC) as the committee representative for the Museum Prize;
- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers**: took note of:
  - the Reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc.14601](#)) to [Recommendation 2118 \(2018\)](#) on “*The protection and promotion of regional or minority languages in Europe*” and asked the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage to examine the reply and prepare an analysis with proposals of follow-up, and to report back to the committee;
  - the Reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc.14602](#)) to [Recommendation 2120 \(2018\)](#) on “*Working towards a framework for modern sports governance*” and asked the rapporteur, Mr Mogens Jensen, and the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport to examine the reply and prepare an analysis with proposals of follow-up, and to report back to the committee;
- **Committee work programme:**

**Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events**: appointed,

  - Ms Sanja Putica (Croatia, EPP/CD) to participate in the International Workshop of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe: the “Routes of the Olive Tree” as a model for Europe’s values, heritage and sustainable development, in Mali Losinj, Croatia (14-16 November 2018); *with no costs for the Assembly*;
  - Ms Nino Gogvadze to participate in the Jury panel of the Council of Europe Museum Prize at Portimão, Portugal (23-24 November 2018);
- **World Forum for Democracy – Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018**: took note of the draft programme of the next forum on the theme *Gender Equality: Whose Battle?*; designated Ms María Concepción de Santa Ana (Spain, EPP/CD) and Mr Jordi Xucla (Spain, ALDE) to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum<sup>1</sup>;
- **Next meetings**: decided to hold its next meeting in:
 

Strasbourg, 4<sup>th</sup> part-session (8-12 October 2018),  
Paris, 6-7 December 2018.

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 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

<sup>1</sup> Mr Cepeda was also proposed, but he was already designated by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights.