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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 6 and 7 December 2018

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in Paris on 6 and 7 December 2018, with Ms María Concepción de Santa Ana (Spain, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

Thursday 6 December 2018 from 9 am to 4.30 pm, as regards:

- **Information society, democracy and human rights:** held a hearing with the participation of Ms Sandra Wachter, Lawyer and research fellow in Data Ethics, AI, robotics and Internet Regulation/cyber-security, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, Mr Thomas Myrup Kristensen, Managing Director EU Affairs and Northern Europe, Facebook, Head of Office Brussels, and Ambassador Thomas Schneider, Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) of the Council of Europe; 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*);
- **Social media: social threads or threats to fundamental freedoms?** (*Rapporteur: Mr José Cepeda, Spain, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frédéric Reiss, France, EPP/CD*): considered an information memorandum;
- **Exchange of views with the Chairperson of the CDMSI:** held an exchange of views with the participation of Ambassador Thomas Schneider, Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) of the Council of Europe;
- **Internet governance and human rights** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andres Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD*): unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation and approved the report;
- **Committee work programme:**

Extension of references: decided to request to the Bureau of the Assembly to extend the reference on "Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution" (*Rapporteur: Mr Frédéric Reiss, France, EPP/CD*) to 31 December 2019;
- **The value of cultural heritage in a democratic society** (*Rapporteur: Alexander [the Earl of] Dundee, United Kingdom, EC*): considered a preliminary draft report;

- **References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:** agreed on principle to appoint Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) to replace Mr Johan Nissinen (Sweden, NR), who leaves the Assembly in January 2019, as rapporteur for opinion on *Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the "Cairo Declaration"?* (Doc. 13965); took note that the formal appointment of a new rapporteur for opinion will take place at the beginning of the committee meeting in January 2019;
- **Threats to media freedom and journalists' security in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Lord George Foulkes, United Kingdom, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Mogens Blicher Bjerregård, President of the European Federation of Journalists, Brussels, Ms Flutura Kusari, Legal advisor, European Centre for Press and Media Freedom, Leipzig, Ms Sophie Busson, Head of advocacy, Reporters without borders, Paris, Ms Joy Hyvarinen, Representative of Index on Censorship, London, and Ms Roberta Taveri, Programme Officer, Europe & Central Asia Team, ARTICLE 19, London.

Friday 7 December 2018 from 9 am to 1 pm, as regards:

- **Safeguarding and enhancing Europe's intangible cultural heritage** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andries Gryffroy, Belgium, NR*): decided to change the title of the report to "Safeguarding and enhancing intangible cultural heritage in Europe", unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation and approved the report;
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize 2019** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nino Gogvadze, Georgia, EC*): in the absence of Ms Gogvadze, Representative of the committee for the Council of Europe Museum Prize, held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Mark O'Neill, Chairperson of the Judging Panel for the Museum Prize, and decided to award the 2019 Museum Prize to the Museum of Communication, Bern, Switzerland;
- **Working methods, priorities and planning of the committee and sub-committees activities for 2019:** considered a memorandum by the Chairperson of the committee;
- **Public service media in the context of disinformation and propaganda** (*Rapporteur: Mr Petri Honkonen, Finland, ALDE*): amended and then unanimously adopted a draft resolution and approved the report;
- **Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Koloman Brenner, Hungary, NR*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Máté László Botos, Head of the Committee on Humanities of the Hungarian Rectors' Conference, Budapest;
- **Next meetings:** took note of the next meetings of the committee:
 - Strasbourg, 1st part-session (21-25 January 2019),
 - Granada, Spain, 4 March 2019 (*tbc, subject to Bureau's authorisation*),
 - Strasbourg, 2nd part-session (8-12 April 2019),
 - Paris, 27-28 May 2019 (*tbc*),
 - Strasbourg, 3rd part-session (24-28 June 2019),
 - Strasbourg, 4th part-session (30 September-4 October 2019),
 - Paris, 5-6 December 2019 (*tbc*).

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