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

### Synopsis

#### of the meeting held by videoconference on Wednesday, 14 October 2020

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting by videoconference on 14 October 2020 from 2.30 pm to 5 pm, with Mr Olivier Becht (France ALDE) in the chair,

as regards:

- **Parliamentary Assembly contribution to the establishment of an observatory of history to promote the common values of Greater Europe and peace** (*Rapporteur: Mr Bertrand Bouyx, France, ALDE*): decided to change the title of the report to “The Observatory on history teaching in Europe”; considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Matjaž Gruden, Director, Directorate of Democratic Participation, DG II – Directorate General of Democracy;
- **Follow-up to letters addressed to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly and to the Chairperson of the committee regarding the decision to transform Hagia Sofia into a mosque**: held an exchange of views further to the letters addressed to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly by Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Chairperson of the Greek delegation, Mr Nicos Tornaritis, Chairperson of the Cypriot delegation, and Mr Akif Çağatay Kiliç, former Chairperson of the Turkish delegation, as well as to the letter addressed to the Chairperson of the committee by Ms Fonteini Pipili, Member of the Greek delegation, Vice-Chairperson of the committee; decided to include on the agenda of its next meeting the consideration and the possible adoption of a draft declaration to be submitted by Mr Tornaritis;
- **Composition of Sub-committees**: approved the following change:  
Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage: Mr Tankred Schipanski (Germany, EPP/CD) becomes the alternate of Ms Elisabeth Motschmann (Germany, EPP/CD);
- **Committee work programme**:

#### References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:

- appointed Ms Annicka Engblom (Sweden, EPP/CD) rapporteur on “The role of the media in times of crisis” ([Doc. 15140](#)), and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) rapporteur for opinion on “For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content” ([Doc. 15077](#)), and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

**Reports on recent meetings**: heard from Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, on his participation by videoconference at an exchange of views organised on 8 September 2020 by the Committee of Ministers on the theme of “Media freedom and safety of journalists”;

- **Next meetings:** decided the next dates for the meetings of the committee as follows:

6 November 2020, from 9.30 am to 12 pm, meeting by videoconference,  
3-4 December 2020, Paris or by videoconference (to be confirmed).

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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