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

Synopsis

of the meeting held by videoconference on Monday, 12 April 2021 from 9.30 am to 12 noon

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting by videoconference on Monday, 12 April 2021 from 9.30 am to 12 noon with Mr Olivier Becht (France, ALDE) in the chair,

as regards:

- **Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts** (*Rapporteur: Ms Inka Hopsu, Finland, SOC*): took note of the explanatory memorandum, then adopted unanimously a draft resolution, thereby approving the report;

- **Committee work programme:**

Draft motions for a resolution and a recommendation: took note of the motion for a resolution on “Establishment of a “youth partner” status with the Parliamentary Assembly”, presented by Ms Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC), and acting under the conditions of the quorum required by art. 47.3., in accordance with art. 25.2., decided to adopt the motion and to table it on behalf of the committee;

- **Media freedom, public trust and the people’s right to know** (*Rapporteur: Mr Roberto Rampi, Italy, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report and held a hearing with the participation of Mr Gianni Betto, Media expert, former Head of *Centro di Ascolto dell’Informazione Radiotelevisiva*, Roma; Ms Antonella Agnoli, Librarian, writer, Bologna; and Mr Mark O’Neill, Associated Professor, College of Arts, University of Glasgow;

- **Route 47 initiative of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly:** heard Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), Rapporteur on “The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on education and culture”, on the hearing organised in the Parliament of Cyprus on 16 April 2021, with the participation of Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly;

- **Committee work programme:**

Reports on recent meetings: was informed by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), Rapporteur on “The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on education and culture”, on his participation in the OECD Webinar on “The state of school education: one year after the confirmation of the covid pandemic”, which took place by videoconference on 1st April 2021;

- **Composition of the sub-committees:** approved the following changes:

Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport:

- Mr Axel Schäfer (Germany, SOC), who was full member, became the alternate of Mr Konstantin Kuhle (Germany, ALDE);
- Ms Maria Gabriela Horga (Romania, EPP/CD) became full member and Ms Christine Thellmann (Romania, NR) her alternate;

- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 15236) to the Recommendation 2168 (2020) on “Threats to media freedom and journalists’ security in Europe” and asked the rapporteur, Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), and the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society to prepare an analysis with proposals of follow-up, as required, and to report back to the committee;
- **Other business:** was informed by:
 - the Chairperson, about the online Leadership dialogue, open to the public, on “A common framework against racism and hate speech at sports events: the Saint-Denis Convention” which will be organised by the Council of Europe on 14 April 2021;
 - Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA), on his wish to present a motion for a resolution on “European strategies on digital learning and student mobility”;
- **Next meetings:** decided on the forthcoming meetings of the committee as follows:
 - 2nd part session 2021 (19-23 April 2021),
 - 21 May 2021,
 - 3rd part session 2021 (21-25 June 2021),
 - 4th part-session 2021 (27 September-1st October 2021),
 - 2-3 December 2021.

The Sub-committee on Education, Youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting by videoconference on Monday, 12 April 2021 from 12 noon to 1 pm, with Mr Carlos Alberto Gonçalves (Portugal, EPP/CD) in the chair,

as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected by acclamation **Ms Svetlana Zhurova** (Russian Federation, NR), Vice-Chairperson;
- **Follow-up of the Replies from the Committee of Ministers:** considered the analysis of the reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 15200) to the Recommendation 2167 (2019) “Role of education in the digital era: from “digital natives” to “digital citizens”” and decided to submit the follow-up proposals to the committee;
- **Future priorities of the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport:** considered the future priorities of the sub-committee presented by the Chairperson;
- **Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of higher education institutions** (Rapporteur: Mr Koloman Brenner, Hungary, NR): in the framework of the follow-up to the report Doc. 15167, Recommendation 2189 (2020) and Resolution 2352 (2020), held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr László Upor, former Academic leader of the University of Theatre and Film Arts (SZFE), Budapest; Ms Nóra Aujezsky, Student at SZFE, Budapest; and Mr Sjur Bergan, Head of Education Department, DGII - Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe;
- **Next meeting:** decided to leave it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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