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

Synopsis

of the meeting held by videoconference in Strasbourg on Friday, 21 May 2021 from 10 am to 12.30 pm and from 2 pm to 4.30 pm

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting by videoconference on Friday, 21 May 2021, from 10 am to 12.30 pm and from 2 pm to 4.30 pm, with Mr Olivier Becht (France, ALDE) and Mr Roberto Rampi (Italy, SOC) in the chair,

as regards:

- **Media freedom, public trust and the people's right to know** (*Rapporteur: Mr Roberto Rampi, Italy, SOC*): took note of the explanatory memorandum, then unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, thereby approving the report;
- **Research policies and environment protection** (*Rapporteur: Mr Olivier Becht, France, ALDE*): took note of the explanatory memorandum, then unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, thereby approving the report;
- **Work programme of the committee:**

Draft motions for resolutions and recommendations: took note of two motions for resolution on:

- "Promoting online education and research across national borders", presented by Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA)
- "Building the Open Council of Europe Academic Networks (OCEAN)", presented by Mr Olivier Becht (France, ALDE)

and acting under the conditions of the quorum required by art. 47.3., in accordance with art. 25.2., decided to adopt the two motions and to table them on behalf of the committee;

- **The Observatory on History Teaching in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Bertrand Bouyx, France, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **The role of the media in times of crises** (*Rapporteur: Ms Annicka Engblom, Sweden, EPP/CD*): considered an expert report and held a hearing with the participation of Ms Giuliana Tiripelli, Senior Lecturer in Digital Journalism and Media Discourse, De Montfort University, Leicester; Mr Paul Reilly, Senior Lecturer in Social Media and Digital Society, Deputy Director of Learning and Teaching, Information School, University of Sheffield; and Ms Daniela Ovidia, Scientific Director, Centre for Ethics in Science and Journalism, Milan, Co-Director of the Neuroscience and Society Lab, Brain and Behavioural Sciences Department, University of Pavia;
- **The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on education and culture** (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Ms Isabelle De Voldere, IDEA Consult, and Ms Sylvia Amman, Inforelais, Brussels, Co-authors of the European Parliament expert study on the cultural sectors; and Mr Sixto Molina, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Organs of the Council of Europe Development Bank, Secretariat of the Partial Agreement on the Council of Europe Development Bank;

- **Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts** (*Rapporteur: Ms Inka Hopsu, Finland, SOC*): considered five amendments to the draft resolution tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and tabled an amendment;
- **Sports policies in times of crisis** (*Rapporteur: Mr Carlos Alberto Gonçalves, Portugal, EPP/CD*): considered an information memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr João Paulo Almeida, Director General, Portuguese Olympic Committee, Lisbon;
- **Football governance: business and values** (*Rapporteur: Lord George Foulkes, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an information memorandum;
- **Work programme of the committee:**

Reports on recent meetings: was informed by Ms Foteini Pipili (Greece, EPP/CD), Representative of the Parliamentary Assembly to the Europa Nostra - Pan-European Federation for Heritage, on her participation in the Europa Nostra Announcement live of the 2021 list of the seven sites of the most endangered heritage in Europe, which took place by videoconference on 8 April 2021 ;

Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events: took note of the participation of:

- Ms Inka Hopsu, (Finland, SOC), Rapporteur on « Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts », to a thematic debate on “Youth, peace and security today: successes and challenges” organised by the Joint council of youth (CMJ) on 8 June 2021;
- Mr Sos Avetisyan (Armenia, SOC), Representative of the Parliamentary Assembly to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), to the 86th meeting of ECRI, which will take place by videoconference from 29 June to 2 July 2021;

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

Sub-committee on Education, Youth and Sport:

- Ms Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC) became the alternate to Ms Hilikka Kempfi (Finland, ADLE);

- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers:**

- considered the analysis of the reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 15200](#)) to the [Recommendation 2167 \(2019\)](#) “The role of education in the digital era: from “digital natives” to “digital citizens””, submitted by the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport, and agreed with the proposed follow-up;
- took note of the reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 15265](#)) to the [Recommendation 2176 \(2020\)](#) “Ethics in science and technology: a new culture of public dialogue” and asked the rapporteur, Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), to prepare an analysis if necessary, with proposals of follow-up as required, and to report back to the committee;

- **North South Prize 2021 of the Council of Europe:** took note of the letter from Ambassador Manuel Montobbio, President of the Executive committee of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre), and heard Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), Representative of the Parliamentary Assembly to the North-South Centre, about the call for nominations for the North South Prize of the Council of Europe;

- **Next meetings:**

was informed of the agreement of the City of Strasbourg to organise the Museum Prize ceremony on Tuesday evening June 22 at the Palais Rohan;

decided on the forthcoming meetings of the committee as follows:

3rd part session 2021 (21-25 June 2021),
4th part-session 2021 (27 September-1st October 2021),
2-3 December 2021.

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