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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in a hybrid manner in Strasbourg on 21 and 22 June 2021

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in hybrid mode in Strasbourg, on 21 and 22 June 2021 with Mr Olivier Becht (France, ALDE) in the chair,

**Monday 21 June 2021 from 2 pm to 3.30 pm**, as regards:

- **Media freedom, public trust and the people's right to know** (*Rapporteur: Mr Roberto Rampi, Italy, SOC*): considered one amendment to the draft resolution and took note that there were no amendments to the draft recommendation;
- **The control of online communication: a threat to media pluralism, freedom of information and human dignity** (*Rapporteur: Mr Sos Avetisyan, Armenia, SOC*): considered an expert report and held a hearing with the participation of Mr Joan Barata, Non-residential researcher at the Centre for the Internet and Society at Stanford Law School; Mr Paddy Leerssen, PhD Candidate at the University of Amsterdam and Non-Resident Fellow at Stanford University's Centre for Internet and Society; and Ms Gabrielle Guillemin, Senior Legal Officer, at ARTICLE 19, London;

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

Sub-committee on Education, Youth and Sport:

- Mr Carles Naudi (Andorra, ALDE) became full member;

Sub-committee on Media and Information Society:

- Mr Carles Naudi (Andorra, ALDE) became full member,
- Ms Hannah Bardell (United Kingdom, NR) who was full member, became the alternate of Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC),
- Ms Roelien Kamminga (Netherlands, ALDE) became full member;

- **Other business**: heard the declaration of absence of conflict of interest from Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE), Representative of the Parliamentary Assembly to the Committee for Works of Art of the Council of Europe (C-ART);

- **Work programme of the committee**:

**References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs**: appointed Ms Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC) rapporteur for opinion on "Creation of a "youth partner" status within the Parliamentary Assembly" ([Doc. 15262](#)), and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

**Reports on recent meetings**: was informed by:

- Mr Roberto Rampi (Italy, SOC), Representative of the committee for the Council of Europe Museum Prize, on his participation in the ceremony for the programme of the European Prize of the museum of the year (EMYA), organised by the European Forum of the Museum (FEM) on 6 May 2021;

- Ms Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC) rapporteur on “Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts” on her participation in a thematic debate on “Youth, peace and security today: successes and challenges”, organised by the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) on 8 June 2021;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2021):** took note of the programme of the next World Forum for Democracy, which will be held in Strasbourg on 8-10 November 2021, and proposed as members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE) and Mr Roberto Rampi (Italy, SOC);

**Tuesday 22 June from 2 pm to 3.30 pm (Room 6)**, as regards:

- **Sports policies in times of crisis Rapporteur** (*Rapporteur: Mr Carlos Alberto Gonçalves, Portugal, EPP/CD*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and adopted a draft declaration;
- **Assembly Institutional representation:** appointed, for her nomination by the Bureau of the Assembly, Ms Ann-Britt Åsebol (Sweden, EPP/CD) as alternate to Mr Sos Avetisyan (Armenia, SOC) at the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), subject to her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Museum Prize of the Council of Europe** (*Representative of the committee for the Museum Prize of the Council of Europe: Mr Roberto Rampi, Italy, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Roman Romanov, Directeur of the Gulag History Museum, Moscow, Russian Federation, Winner of the Museum Prize 2021 of the Council of Europe; and Ms Jette Sandahl, President of the European Museum Forum (EMF); took note of the organisation with the City of Strasbourg of the Museum Prize ceremony on Tuesday June 22 at 8.30 p.m. at the Palais Rohan;
- **Work programme of the committee:**  
**Reports on recent meetings:** was informed by Mr Olivier Français (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment, on his participation in the webinar organised by the UIP on “Building bridges between science and parliamentarians for the good of society” on 17 March 2021;
- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 15312](#)) to the [Recommendation 2189 \(2020\)](#) “Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of higher education institutions in Europe” and asked the rapporteur, Mr Koloman Brenner, and the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport to prepare an analysis with follow-up proposals if necessary, and report back to the commission;
- **Next meetings:** decided on the forthcoming meetings of the committee as follows:  
  
4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2021 (27 September-1<sup>st</sup> October 2021),  
2-3 December 2021.

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