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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 Paris on 4 March 2022

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in a hybrid manner in Paris on Friday 4 March 2022 from 10 am to 12.30 pm and from 2 pm to 4.30 pm, with Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA) in the chair,

as regards:

- **Declarations of absence of conflict of interest:** heard the respective declarations of absence of conflict of interest of:
  - Ms Ann-Britt Åsebol (Sweden, EPP/CD), representative,
  - Mr Asim Mollazada (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), substitute, to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI);
  - Ms Maria-Gabriela Horga (Romania, EPP/CD), substitute to the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre);
  - Ms Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC) representative to the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment;
  - Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), substitute to the Europa Nostra - Pan-European Federation for Heritage;
  - Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NI), rapporteur on "Cultural routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue";
  - Mr Frédéric Reiss (France, EPP/CD), rapporteur on "The control of online communication: a threat to media pluralism, freedom of information and human dignity";
  - Mr Olivier Français (Switzerland, ADLE), General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment ;
- **The control of online communication: a threat to media pluralism, freedom of information and human dignity** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frédéric Reiss, France, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report and held a hearing with the participation of Mr Joan Barata, Research Fellow, Program on Platform Regulation, Cyber Policy Center, Stanford University; and Mr Paul Reilly, Senior Lecturer in Social Media and Digital Society, Deputy Director of Learning and Teaching, Information School, University of Sheffield;
- **Track and trace applications: ethical, cultural and educational challenges** (*Rapporteur: Mr Duncan Baker, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): considered an expert memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of Mr Wolfgang E. Ebbers, Professor at the Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Public Administration, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, The Netherlands; Mr Christophe Fraser, Senior Group Leader in Pathogen Dynamics at the Big Data Institute and Professor in the

Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford, UK; Ms Alessandra Pierucci, Chairperson of the Committee on the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regards to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (CETS No. 108); and Ms Emilija Gargcin, Representative of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ);

- **Committee work programme:**

**Reports on recent meetings:** heard from:

- Ms Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC), representative to the Network of Reference Parliamentarians for a Healthy Environment, on her participation in the first meeting of the network held on 25 January 2022 in Strasbourg;
- Mr Frédéric Reiss (France, EPP/CD), rapporteur on "The control of online communication: a threat to media pluralism, freedom of information and human dignity", on his participation in the panel entitled "Break your bubble for human rights" of the Lisbon Forum, which took place online on 9 December 2021;

**Requests or information from the rapporteurs:**

- took note that Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NI), rapporteur on "Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue", wished to ask Mr John Bold to prepare an expert report and gave its consent;
- was informed by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), rapporteur for follow-up on "Football governance: business and values" of his contacts with FIFA and UEFA to prompt measures concerning the Russian Federation after the invasion of Ukraine;

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

Sub-committee on Media and Information Society:

- M. Kim Valentin (Danemark, ADLE) became the alternate of Mr Mogens Jensen;

- **Building the Open Council of Europe Academic Networks (OCEAN)** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marta Grande, Italy, NR*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Chantal Cutajar, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer-Researcher, specialist in the prevention and fight against organised crime and money laundering, University of Strasbourg, France, Member of the OCEAN Advisory Board;

- **Working methods and priorities of the committee for 2022:** considered the committee's priorities for 2022 and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Matjaž Gruden, Director, Directorate of Democratic Participation, DG II - Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe;

- **Committee work programme:**

**Draft motions for a resolution/recommendation:** took note of, and expressed support for two motions for a resolution on:

- The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship, presented by Mr Roberto Rampi (Italy, SOC),
- Cultural heritage and climate change, presented by Mr Alberto Ribolla (Italy, EC/AD);

- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers and follow-up by the committee:**

**Replies from the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the Committee of Ministers' reply ([Doc. 15411](#)) to the [Recommendation 2178 \(2020\)](#) "Time to act: Europe's political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions" and asked the rapporteur, Mr Roland Rino Büchel (Switzerland, ALDE), and the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport to prepare an analysis with, if necessary, proposals for follow-up, and to report thereon to the committee;

**Follow-up of the replies from the Committee of Ministers:**

- concerning the analysis of the reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 14962](#)) to the [Recommendation 2149 \(2019\)](#) “The value of cultural heritage in a democratic society”, decided that there was no need for additional follow-up action at this stage;
- concerning the analysis of the reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 14999) to the Recommendation 2148 (2019) “Safeguarding and enhancing intangible cultural heritage in Europe”, decided to invite Mr Stefano Dominioni, Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe Cultural Routes Programme, for an exchange of views regarding proposals made by the Assembly;
- concerning the analysis of the reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 15100](#)) to the [Recommendation 2165 \(2019\)](#) “Jewish cultural heritage preservation”, Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), decided to follow up this report and the report on “The Observatory on history teaching in Europe” with a specific report on “The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship”;
- concerning the analysis of the reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 15236](#)) to the [Recommendation 2168 \(2020\)](#) “Threats to media freedom and journalists’ security in Europe”, decided to invite representatives of partner organisations of the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection and the safety of journalists to thematic hearings in order to discuss specific issues and systemic trends concerning media freedom and the safety of journalists, and to examine measures to encourage governments to respond more promptly and effectively to alerts from the Platform;
- concerning 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”, considered it necessary to widely promote the translation and implementation of the Guide to Public Debate on Human Rights and Biomedicine in member States, and decided first, to explore a follow-up with regional initiatives (seminars), particularly in Central and Eastern Europe, with a view to promote the implementation of the Guide in national parliaments and regionally across borders, in partnership with the EPTA (European Parliamentary Technology Assessment) network and the two intergovernmental sectors (education and bioethics) of the Council of Europe; and second, to explore with the secretariat of the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), and with the secretariat of the Steering Committee for Education (CDEDU) the possibility to develop, in cooperation with the European Union and the EPTA network, pilot projects on the use of specialised tools for online public debate to make cross-national and multilingual public debates feasible.

- **Communications from the Chairperson of the committee** took note of:

- a document “Gender equality in the functioning of the Assembly” [AS/Ega/Inf (2022) 03] prepared by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination,
- the call for nominations for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2022,
- a letter from Mr Ruben Rubinyan, Chairperson of the Armenian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, addressed to the Chairperson of the committee;

- **Other business:**

held an exchange of views on possible actions following the attack on Ukraine by the Russian Federation and Belarus; in this regard:

- took note of the draft written declaration entitled “Empowering National sports association to stand up for Human rights and against violation of international law” prepared by Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD) (in the appendix) and expressed its support for this initiative;
- asked the Chairperson of the committee to include in the draft agenda for the next meeting the consideration of a statement by the committee seeking measures for the exclusion of nationals of the Russian Federation and Belarus not only from sports competitions, but also from shows and cultural events;

- **Next meetings:**

decided on the forthcoming meetings of the committee as follows:

2<sup>nd</sup> part-session 2022 (25-29 April 2022),  
9-10 May 2022, Rome,  
3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2022 (20-24 June 2022),  
4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2022 (10-14 October 2022),  
5-6 December 2022, Paris (tbc);

confirmed that the next meeting of the committee will be held during the 2nd part-session 2022 (25-29 April 2022);

heard the invitation of the Chairperson to the members of the committee to register for the meeting to be held, in-person only, on 9 and 10 May 2022 in Rome.

Roberto Fasino, Dana Karanjac, Eugen Cibotaru, Silvia Arzilli

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cc: Secretary General of the Parliamentary 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

**Appendix: Declaration by Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD)*****Empowering National sports association to stand up for Human rights and against violation of international law***


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*This written declaration commits only those who have signed it*

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*We, the undersigned declare the following*

*We welcome the resolute response from Council of Europe member states and the solid regime of sanctions imposed on Russia by the European Union and the international community.*

*We also welcome the recommendation of the IOC to not invite or allow Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials to participate in international competitions, and encourage all international sports federations to implement the IOC decision.*

*While recognising the principle of not punishing athletes for their government's decisions, it is unacceptable to allow Russian and Belarussian athletes' international participation, while Ukrainian athletes cannot because of the attack on their country.*

*It is more important than ever that the world of sports stand up for human rights and international law. We hence regret to see how current regulations make it difficult for national sports associations to stand up, and act independently from international sports associations.*

*The Council of Europe and governments should in light of the non-existing public authorities' sanctions means, now consider to establishing mechanisms in which governments can act appropriately within the scope of its laws.*

*Signed:*

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