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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, 26 and 28 April 2022

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in a hybrid manner in Strasbourg on Thursday 21 April 2022 from 2 pm to 2.45 pm, Tuesday 26 April 2022 from 2 pm to 3.30 pm and Thursday 28 April 2022 from 8.30 am to 10 am, with Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA) in the chair,

Thursday 21 April 2022 from 2 pm to 2.45 pm, as regards:

- ***For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): unanimously adopted an opinion of the committee and tabled two amendments to the draft resolution presented by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;
- ***Declaration of the committee***: took note that there was not sufficient time to deal with the item and decided to deal with it during a later sitting;

Tuesday 26 April 2022 from 2 pm to 3.30 pm, as regards:

- ***Committee work programme***:

References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs : appointed :

- Mr Andries Pavlo Sushko (Ukraine, EC/DA) rapporteur on "Online education and special education needs of children with disabilities and learning difficulties" ([Doc. 15447](#)), subject to his declaration of absence of conflict of interest,
 - Mr Alberto Ribolla (Italy, EC/DA) rapporteur son "Cultural heritage and climate change" ([Doc. 15470](#)), subject to his declaration of absence of conflict of interest,
 - Mr Roberto Rampi (Italy, Soc) rapporteur on "The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship" ([Doc. 15471](#)), and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- ***Museum Prize of the Council of Europe*** (*Committee representative for the Museum Prize of the Council of Europe: Mr Roberto Rampi, Italy, SOC*):

decided to keep the trophy "The woman with beautiful breasts" (by Joan Miró) on permanent display in Strasbourg;

held a hearing with the participation of Mr Shane Clarke, Director of Nano Nagle Place, Cork, Ireland, Winner of the Museum Prize 2022 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 26 April at 8.30 pm at the Palais Rohan;

- **Committee work programme:**

Requests or information from the rapporteurs: heard the respective declarations of absence of conflict of interest from:

- Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists,
- Ms Marijana Balić (Croatia, EPP/CD), representative to the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity - North-South Centre,
- Mr Roberto Rampi (Italy, SOC), representative to the Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art (C-ART),
- Ms Foteini Pipili (Greece, EPP/CD), representative to Europa Nostra - Pan-European Federation for Heritage;

- **Declaration of the committee:** based of a proposal by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), adopted a written declaration entitled "Saying no to the war by banning Russian and Belarusian nationals from attending all scientific, educational, sporting and media events" (in the appendix);

Thursday 28 April 2022 from 8.30 am to 10 am, as regards:

- **The protection of journalism and safety of journalists in Europe:** held an exchange of views with representatives of the partners of the Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists: Ms Maria Ordzhonikidze, Justice for Journalists Foundation, and Mr William Horsley, Association of European Journalists;

- **Committee work programme:**

Approval of rapporteurs' fact-finding visits: approved, subject to the availability of funds, a fact-finding visit by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur for the follow-up on "Football governance: business and values", who has been invited to join the delegation led by Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, to the UEFA visit in Nyon, Switzerland (dates to be determined);

Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events: approved, subject to the availability of funds, the participation of Mr Roberto Rampi, (Italy, SOC), Committee representative for the Council of Europe Museum Prize, at the annual Conference for the European Museum of the Year Award (EMYA), which will take place on 6-7 May 2022 in Tartu, Estonia;

Requests or information from rapporteurs: took note that Mr Roberto Rampi (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur on "The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship", wished to ask Ms Luisa de Bivar Black to prepare an expert report, and gave its consent;

Draft motions for a resolution and a recommendation: was informed by Mrs Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) of her wish to submit to the committee a draft motion for a resolution on the issue of actions aimed at erasing people's cultural identity in times of armed conflict and in peacetime;

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

Sub-committee on Education, Youth and Sport:

- Mr Niklaus-Samuel Gugger (Switzerland, EPP/CD) becomes the alternate of Mr Roland Rino Büchel;

Sub-committee on Media and Information Society:

- Mr Niklaus-Samuel Gugger (Switzerland, EPP/CD) becomes a full member, replacing Ms Ada Marra who has left the committee;

- **Communication from the Chairperson of the committee:** took note of the call for nominations for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize for 2022;

- **Other business:**

decided to open its 2022 meetings to elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot Community¹;

heard a statement by Mr Alexandros Triantafyllidis (Greece, UEL) on the damage to the Imperial Gate of Hagia Sophia and the state of abandonment of the site;

- **Next meetings:**

decided on the forthcoming meetings of the committee as follows:

9-10 May 2022, Rome,
3rd part-session 2022 (20-24 June 2022),
4th part-session 2022 (10-14 October 2022),
5-6 December 2022, Paris (tbc);

Roberto Fasino, Dana Karanjac, Silvia Arzilli

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

¹ In accordance with Resolution 1376 (2004).

Appendix

26 April 2022
Or. English

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND MEDIA

Written Declaration

Saying no to the war by banning Russian and Belarus nationals from all events in the fields of science, education, sport and media²

The Committee on culture, science, education and media resolutely condemns the attack on Ukraine by the Russian Federation and Belarus. It is deeply saddened by the devastation provoked by this unjustified war; it expresses its full solidarity with the Ukrainian people and praises their great courage and determination.

The Russian authorities are silencing all forms of opposition and critical thinking; nothing remains other than severe bans which could force Russian people to confront the horror of this war that Russian propaganda seeks to conceal.

The committee supports the calls by the IOC, which urged all International Sports Federations to relocate or cancel their sports events planned in Russia or Belarus and recommended that International Sports Federations and sports event organisers do not invite or allow the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials in international competitions.

The committee considers that similar measures should apply beyond sporting events. Therefore, it urges decision makers and competent sporting, scientific, educational and media stakeholders of the Council of Europe member States to ensure that:

- a) Russian and Belarusian national teams, clubs and individuals be excluded from all sporting events;
- b) Russian and Belarusian participants be excluded from all scientific, educational or media events, and any exchanges or partnerships in these domains involving Russian or Belarusian participants be suspended or cancelled.

These measures should not apply to Russian and Belarusian nationals who neither represent Russia or Belarus nor participate, compete or perform under their banners.

The committee also calls on member States' authorities to ensure that no broadcasters or news outlets under the control of the Russian or Belarusian Governments or of their agents are permitted to broadcast propaganda in member States.

² Declaration adopted by the committee on 26 April 2022, based on a proposal by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group).