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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 2 and 4 October 2012

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Strasbourg with **Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego** (Croatia, SOC), **Mr Jan Kaźmierczak** (Poland, EPP/CD) and **Ms Anne Brasseur** (Luxembourg, ALDE) in the chair,

- on Tuesday 2 October from 8.30 to 9 am, as regards:
 - **Membership in Sub-Committees:** approved the lists of members of its three sub-committees, as presented in the appendix;
 - **Election of a vice-chair of the committee:** elected Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) as a vice-chair of the committee;
 - **For more democratic elections** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Postanjyan, Armenia, EPP/CD*): considered a report prepared by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and adopted an opinion;
- on Tuesday 2 October from 2 to 3.30 pm, as regards:
 - **The state of media freedom in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Johansson, Sweden, EPP/CD*): considered and approved a report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
 - **The ethics of science** (*Rapporteur: Mr Kaźmierczak, Poland, EPP/CD*): decided to change the title to "Ethics in science and technology";
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - *Young Europeans: an urgent educational challenge* (Doc. 12256): appointed Ms Polonca Komar, Slovenia, ALDE (to replace Ms Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD), and took note of her written declaration on absence of conflict of interest,
 - *The right to Internet access* (Doc. 12985): appointed Ms Jaana Pelkonen, Finland, EPP/CD, and took note of her written declaration on absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Status of chairpersons of political groups in Assembly committees:** took note of the letter by Mr Diaz Tejera and expressed the views that Chairpersons of Political Groups, in addition to their present assignments, could be ex-officio members of AS/Pol (with all related rights), but they should not be ex-officio members of other committees;

- **on Thursday 4 October from 8.30 to 10 am**, as regards:
 - ***The ethics of science*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Kaźmierczak, Poland, EPP/CD*): discussed a preliminary draft report;
 - ***European cultural and educational policies through national parliaments*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE*): discussed a preliminary draft report; decided to change the title to “Culture and education through national parliaments: European policies”;
 - ***Destruction or restoration of industrial heritage*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Dervoz, Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD*): considered a draft outline and presented the outcomes of the hearing with experts during the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage in Maribor on 21 September 2012; decided to change the title to “Industrial Heritage in Europe”;
- **on Thursday 4 October from 2 to 3.30 pm**, as regards:
 - ***Right to freedom of choice in education in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Quintanilla, Spain, EPP/CD*): considered the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - ***The consolidation and international openness of the European Higher Education Area***: (*Rapporteur: Mr Huseynov, Azerbaijan, ALDE*): took note that no amendments have been tabled to the draft resolution and draft recommendation;
 - ***Governance of institutions of higher education in the European Higher Education Area*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Flego, Croatia, SOC*): considered the amendments and sub-amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - ***Replies from the Committee of Ministers***: took note of the reply to Recommendation 1990 (2012) on the right of everyone to take part in cultural life, and asked the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage to propose to the committee a rapporteur for follow-up;
 - ***Follow-up to Parliamentary Assembly recommendations***: considered the memoranda on follow-up to the Committee of Ministers’ replies to Assembly Recommendations:
 - 1950 (2011) on the protection of journalists’ sources (prepared by the rapporteur for follow-up, Mr Mats Johansson, Sweden, EPP/CD),
 - 1962 (2011) on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue (prepared by the rapporteur, Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE),
 - 1984 (2011) on the protection of privacy and personal data on the Internet and online media (prepared by the rapporteur for follow-up, Sir Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EDG);

approved the analysis and the follow up actions proposed in the memoranda, namely:

- to inform the Steering Committee on media and Information Society (CDMSI) that the Committee on culture, science, education and media would be willing to co-operate with the CDMSI, if it decided to initiate following the proposals in paragraphs 17.3 and 17.4 of Recommendation 1950 (2011);
- to monitor the question of setting up a dialogue platform for the Council of Europe and high-level representatives of religions and non-denominational organisations, as part of its contacts with the GR-C and the Ministers’ Deputies, and to stress the importance of expanding the intercultural cities project and including in it the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue;
- to co-operate with the committee established by the Convention No 108 (T-PD) as well as the Commissioner for Data Protection of the Council of Europe, and to use its contacts with parliamentary delegations from non-member States in order to achieve more signatures and ratifications of this Convention;
- ***Committee work programme***: decided to request the extension until 30 June 2013 of the following references:
 - *Young Europeans: an urgent educational challenge* (new rapporteur Ms Komar, Slovenia, ALDE),
 - *Ethics of science* [new title : *Ethics in science and technology*] (rapporteur: Mr Kaźmierczak, Poland, EPP/CD);

decided to invite to a hearing in the framework of the follow-up to Resolution 1875 (2012) on good governance and ethics in sport: Mr Mohammad Bin Hammam, former president of the Asian Football Confederation; Prof. Mark Pieth, chairman of the FIFA's Independent Governance Committee; Mrs Sylvia Schenk, Transparency International; and Mr Stewart Regan chief executive of the Scottish Football Association;

Reports on recent meetings: heard statements by:

- Mr Kaźmierczak (Poland, EPP/CD) for the meeting of Directors of EPTA (14-16 May, Sitges, Spain),
- Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EDG) for the Enlarged Bureau of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre (14 September, Strasbourg),
- Mr Michael Connarty (United Kingdom, SOC) for the Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth (24-25 September, St. Petersburg);

Designation of representatives for forthcoming events: designated:

- Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE) to participate, with no cost for the Assembly, in the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) (6-9 November, Baku);

- **Next meetings:**

- Paris, Council of Europe Office (18-19 December 2012)
- Strasbourg, 1st part-session (21-25 January 2013)
- Paris, Council of Europe Office (March 2013 - tbc)
- Strasbourg, 2nd part-session (22-26 April 2013)
- Strasbourg, 3rd part-session (24-28 June 2013)
- Strasbourg, 4th part-session (30 September - 4 October 2013)
- Paris, Council of Europe Office (3-4 December 2013 - tbc)

The Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 2 October 2012 from 9 to 10 am, with **Ms Deborah Bergamini** (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Improving user protection and security in cyberspace** *Rapporteur: Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD:* discussed a legal background report by Professor Dr Hans Schulte-Nölke (Osnabrück) and a technical background report by Dr Kei Ishii (Berlin);
- **Follow-up to Parliamentary Assembly recommendations:** considered and endorsed the memoranda on follow-up to the Committee of Ministers' replies to Assembly Recommendations:
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 - 1984 (2011) on the protection of privacy and personal data on the Internet and online media (prepared by the rapporteur for follow-up, Sir Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EDG);

decided to invite the Council of Europe's Data Protection Commissioner to its next meeting;

- **Next meetings:**

- Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2013 (21 – 25 January 2013)

Roberto Fasino, Rüdiger Dossow, Dana Karanjac, Angela Garabagiu

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