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To the Members of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education

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of the meeting held in Paris on 7 December 2006

The Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage (of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education) meeting in Paris on 7 December 2006 with Mr Zingeris (Chairman) and then Mr Nachbar (Vice Chairman) in the chair:

- held an exchange of views with Mr Wim van der Weiden, Chairman of the **European Museum Forum**, on the activities of the Forum and discussed the museums shortlisted by the Forum for the 2007 Council of Europe Museum Prize
- was informed on continuing problems for the future of the **European Craftsmanship Centre on San Servolo** (Venice) and decided to draw the matter to the attention of Italian members of the committee
- was informed on its Chairman's initiative to contact representatives of the Pompidou Centre (Paris) and the Hermitage (St Petersburg) concerning the possibility of an exhibition on the **Paris School of early 20th century East European artists**
- held an exchange of views on specific issues on the basis of an oral report by the General Rapporteur on Cultural Heritage, Mr O'Hara, and with regard to:
 - **St Petersburg (Russia)** - called for investigation of the cultural impact of plans for high-rise Gazprom building close to the historic centre;
 - **Dam construction affecting the sites of Allianoi and Hasankeyf (Turkey)** – continued to seek urgently information on the degree to which development was taking account of the archaeological importance of the sites concerned before it was too late;
 - **Rosia Montana (Romania)** – took note that the Hungarian Government was opposing development on environmental grounds and that no decision would be taken by Romania until January 2007;

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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- **Olympic sites (Greece)** – authorised the General Rapporteur to carry out a study visit to investigate the impact of the Olympic Games on archaeological sites;
 - **South Caucasus heritage** – regretted the obstacles raised by the Armenian and Azerbaijan delegations against the General Rapporteur conducting a study-visit of the whole region including Georgia, and insisted that this visit be made possible in the spring of 2007, independently of the parallel exercise of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.
- held an exchange of views with a delegation of **Europa Nostra** led by Dr Andrea Schuler (Executive President) together with Count Denis de Kergorlay (Vice-President) and Mrs Sneska Qvaedling-Mihailovic (Secretary General), and welcomed Europa Nostra's contribution to encouraging support of civil society for cultural heritage in Kosovo, and anticipated possibilities of continuing future cooperation including participation in the 2007 launch of European Heritage Days (Belgrade, 20-22 September 2007)
- discussed the preparation of a conference, to be organised with the Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage (CD-PAT) in 2007, on the **application of international instruments relating to cultural heritage**, with representatives of:
- Council of Europe (Mr Daniel Thérond);
 - Unesco (Mr Guido Carducci);
 - World Heritage Centre (Ms Céline Fuchs);
 - Icomos (Ms Gaia Jungeblodt);
 - and consultant expert, Ms Bénédicte Selfslagh.
- was informed on the setting up of the **Heritage Journalists Association** by its Chairman, Mr Michel Schulman
- took part in a visit to the **Musée Quai Branly**, arranged by Mr Legendre, Chairman of the Committee
- decided to hold its next meeting following reconstitution in the course of the January 2007 part-session of the Assembly.

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