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

Synopsis

of the meeting held by videoconference on Friday, 15 May 2020

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting by videoconference on 15 May 2020 from 9.30 am to 12 pm, with Mr Olivier Becht (France ALDE) in the chair, after having heard a message by Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, at the opening of the meeting,

as regards:

- **Written consultation of the committee:** heard a communication by the Chair of the Committee concerning the consultation procedure at distance on the following documents:
 - AS/Cult (2020) 07 – Introductory memorandum on “Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts” (Rapporteur: Ms Inka Hopsu, Finland, SOC);
 - AS/Cult (2020) 08 – Introductory memorandum on “Football governance and ethics: business or values?” (Rapporteur: Lord George Foulkes, United Kingdom, SOC);
 - AS/Cult (2020) 10 – Memorandum from the committee Chairperson;

took note that all the proposals contained in these documents had been approved by consensus, including in particular the change of the title of Lord Foulkes' report as follows: “Football governance: business and values”;

- **Ethics in science and technology: a new culture of public dialogue:** (Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC): took note of the explanatory memorandum, then unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation and approved the report;
- **Committee work programme:**

References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:

- appointed Mr Roberto Rampi (Italy, SOC) rapporteur on “Media freedom, public trust and the people's right to know” (Doc. 15040), and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- appointed Mr Sos Avetisyan (Armenia, SOC) rapporteur on “The control of online communication: a threat to media pluralism, freedom of information and human dignity” (Doc. 15041), subject to his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;¹
- appointed Mr Boguslaw Sonik (Poland, EPP/CD) rapporteur for opinion on “The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on human rights and the rule of law” (Decision of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly), and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Time to act: Europe's political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions** (Rapporteur: Mr Roland Rino Büchel, Switzerland, ALDE): took note of the explanatory memorandum, accepted the modifications proposed by the rapporteur to the preliminary draft texts which he had submitted, and then unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation and approved the report;

¹ Due to connection issues, it was not possible for Mr. Avetisyan to take the floor and make his declaration of absence of conflict of interest.

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

Sub-Committee on education, youth and sport: Mr Erkin Gadirli (Azerbaijan, NR) becomes alternate of Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE);

Sub-Committee on media and information society: Mr Erkin Gadirli (Azerbaijan, NR) becomes member;

- **Next meetings:** decided the next dates for the meetings of the committee as follows:

Strasbourg, June part-session – *postponed to dates to be convened at a later date*

Strasbourg, October part session (12-16 October 2020)

Paris, 3-4 December 2020.²

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
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² This meeting could take place outside France, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly.