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Meeting report

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1. Opening of the meeting by the Chair

The meeting was opened and chaired by Mr Bruno Favel, chair of the CDCPP. The list of participants is given at Appendix 1. Referring to the terrorist attacks of 13 November 2015 in Paris he strongly recalled the values of the Council of Europe and stressed the importance of all remaining faithful to them in the current dire times. The Bureau stood up for a minute of silent mourning.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The draft agenda was adopted (see Appendix 2).

3. General questions

3.1 State of implementation of the work programme and calendar of meetings

The Bureau took note of the information provided in document CDCPP-Bu(2015)22. A member requested that the presentation of various areas of work be more balanced and that the “culture” activities be spelt out more in detail.

The Bureau agreed.

3.2 Committee of Ministers’ decisions concerning the CDCPP

The Bureau took note of the information given in document CDCPP-Bu(2015)23. As regards the Committee of Ministers’ request for an opinion on Parliamentary Assembly’s Recommendation 2080 (2015) the Bureau instructed the Secretariat to draw up elements for a reply for initial consideration by the Bureau and subsequently approval by the CDCPP through written consultation.

A draft will be circulated among Bureau members by the 21 December 2015.

4. Fields of activities of the CDCPP

4.1 Culture

Culture and Democracy Framework Indicators – progress report

The Bureau noted the progress report by the Secretariat (CDCPP-Bu(2015)24) and welcomed the forthcoming delivery of the 2015 works by the consultant, the Hertie School of Governance. It agreed on the usefulness of a testing round involving six member states, to be implemented in early 2016, and noted the readiness to participate in it by Belgium, Croatia, Finland, France, Poland and Switzerland.

The Bureau noted with interest the willingness of the European Commission to engage with the planning and possible hosting of a launch event of the IFCD in the first half of 2016. The outcome would be the agreement of a work plan to roll-out the IFCD works - including the production of thematic reports on culture and democracy - in line with the Organizations’ priorities and partner institutions’ interests.

Compendium of cultural policies – Wroclaw meeting and public forum on cultural policies from the human rights’ point of view

The Bureau noted the progress report by the Secretariat (CDCPP-Bu(2015)25) including the results of a survey with CDCPP members run in Spring 2015, and was informed in detail of the 14th Assembly of Compendium Experts held in Wroclaw on 12-13 November 2015 and the related Public Forum on the theme “A Human Rights Approach to Cultural Policies”.

In line with the Assembly’s own conclusions, the Bureau noted that in order to tackle the difficult the financial situation of the Compendium voluntary contributions from individual member States (event as small as 1000 €) would greatly help consolidate the financial viability of the system. The Bureau agreed that the introduction of a system of annual voluntary contributions, to which the Member States would commit to contribute, was a feasible option. It also asked the Secretariat to send a message to CDCPP members, inviting contributions for 2015.

Council of Europe exchange platform on the impact of digitization on culture – overview 2016

The Bureau appreciated the film produced on the 2nd Council of Europe Platform Exchange on Culture and Digitisation which offered a short summary of the event¹. The Secretariat provided orally information on the preparation for the 2016 meeting. Estonia, as chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, would be the host country. Modalities of the event are being discussed and will be reported on at the next Bureau meeting.

Revision of the Council of Europe concept of art exhibitions

The Bureau took note and commented on the reflection paper “Rethinking Council of Europe Art Exhibitions: Towards a revised concept” (CDCPP-Bu(2015)26). There was agreement that Art Exhibitions should (continue to) promote Council of Europe values, be outreach-oriented, genuinely attract the largest possible audience, including the young, and make full use of digital tools. Exhibitions or event concepts should be built bottom-up, bridging the gap between cultural producers and consumers and involve existing relevant (artistic, museum, cultural) networks.

The Bureau asked the Secretariat to consult with a small group of experts to include as much as possible, a representative of the Parliamentary Assembly and a representative of the Cultural Routes Partial Agreement/Institute, and prepare a comprehensive paper, drawing up formal proposals on the Art Exhibitions, for consideration by the Bureau at its next meeting in 2016.

4.2 Heritage

Implementation of the Namur Declaration

The Bureau took note of the modalities and objectives of the forthcoming meeting of “heritage” specialists in the CDCPP to take place in Paris on 1 December 2015 (CDCPP-Bu(2015)27). It agreed that the meeting would discuss the working paper submitted by the Belgian/Walloon delegation and appoint the Enlarged Working Party (EWP) with sufficient

¹ http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/culture/digitisation/linz_en.asp

competence and geographical width. This Party will lead the work of specific working parties. It was hoped that the Paris meeting would give clear Terms of reference to the EWP. The Bureau wished to be kept informed of developments.

Protection of cultural heritage in conflict situations – compilation of relevant declarations and international conventions applicable

The Bureau noted with interest and thanked the Secretariat for the comprehensive compilation of existing international texts (CDCPP-Bu(2015)21). Attention was drawn to the need to include landscape into the definition of heritage.

It agreed that a consultant be tasked with the thorough examination of these texts with a view to identifying possible gaps or topics not dealt with, which would warrant action by the Council of Europe.

The Bureau also noted that the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) of the Council of Europe would establish, subject to the Committee of Ministers' approval, a Committee of Experts on the preparation of a new convention to combat the destruction, illegal trade and trafficking of artifacts. The CDCPP would have the right to appoint two observers to the committee. Scientific experts will assist the committee. The Secretariat will ensure that the cultural heritage expertise is duly taken into account in the choice of experts.

Conditions of granting of the “label of Faro”

The Bureau took note of the proposed modalities for the granting of the Faro Label (CDCPP-Bu(2015)28) and invited the Secretariat to consider associating the Bureau to the procedure, in addition to leaving to the members of the “Faro community” the task of labelling new initiatives. Revised modalities will be examined at the next Bureau meeting.

Analysis of the impact of the technical assistance projects – progress report

The Bureau took note of the progress report (CDCPP-Bu(2015)29) and agreed with the proposed modalities.

4.3 Landscape

Implementation of the European Landscape Convention

The Bureau took note of the implementation of the activities and future developments in the field of landscape (CDCPP-Bu(2015)30).

It noted in particular that the 9th Conference on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention will be organised in March 2017 in Strasbourg and the 18th *Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention* will be organised by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Ministry of Urban Development of Armenia on “*National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention*” (5-7 October 2016).

As regards the Information System of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention (ELCIS-L6), it noted the progress in the implementation of the second phase of work which should go hand in hand with a greater use of the System by the Parties and

member states. Work will continue in 2016 with a view to submitting a fully operational ELCIS to the 9th Conference in March 2017 in Strasbourg.

As regards the Landscape award, the 17th Council of Europe Meeting entitled "*Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – Session 2014-2015*" will be organised by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary (Budapest, 8-10 June 2016). The publication on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe is being updated and the 5th Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award will soon be launched.

A publication on this pedagogical material is being prepared. The Working Group on the European Landscape Convention will continue the work on secondary school and training for professionals.

5. Information concerning other bodies of the Council of Europe and Partial Agreements

The Bureau took note of the information provided in CDCPP-Bu(2015)31. It reiterated its interest for stronger cooperation with other pillars of the Council of Europe (PACE, the Congress). It requested the Secretariat to make room at its next meeting for an exchange of views with representatives of these bodies.

Interest was also expressed for broader information being exchanged on the works of the education and democratic governance committees.

6. Miscellaneous

The Bureau was informed that FEMP had submitted a formal request for observer status with the CDCPP. The request will be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

7. Dates of the next meetings

The Bureau will hold its next meeting on 19-20 April 2016. The CDCPP will meet on 13-15 June 2016.

8. Closing of the meeting

The meeting arose at 5 pm.

APPENDIX I – List of participants

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APPENDIX III – Draft observations of the CDCPP Bureau in response to the request from the Committee of Ministers

Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2080(2015) “Freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society”

1 The Committee of Ministers (1238th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies, agenda item ...) forwarded to the CDCPP “for information and possible comments” by 14 January 2016 Assembly Recommendation 2080 (2015).

2 The Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers “set up a stable and officially recognised platform for dialogue between the Council of Europe and senior representatives of religions and non-denominational organisations”, “include this initiative among the Council of Europe’s action priorities and develop it speedily in consultation with the parties concerned”, “link to this platform for dialogue the holding of thematic meetings on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue” and “develop synergies between the platform and the thematic meetings ... with other Council of Europe projects and initiatives in the field of education, culture and youth”.

3 The CDCPP believes that setting up a “stable and officially recognised” platform for dialogue and identifying the “parties concerned” to be included are policy decisions which it is for the Committee of Ministers to take.

4 If this platform were to be set up, synergies between this platform, the thematic meetings on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue and “other Council of Europe projects and initiatives” could certainly be possible.

5 Among these “projects and initiatives” the CDCPP wishes to refer to the activities relating to the implementation of the Faro Convention which presuppose involvement of the local community focusing on and promoting its historic and cultural heritage, which in many cases includes aspects derived from various cultures and religions.

6 The CDCPP is ready, if the Committee of Ministers were to ask it, to become more involved in the preparation of the “thematic meetings on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue” in order to foster possible synergies as referred to by the Assembly.