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### CONSIDERATION OF THE CDCPP'S WORK BY THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

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#### Introduction

This document provides information regarding the consideration of the CDCPP's work by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided. .

#### DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

Meeting and date	Committee of Ministers' decision in respect of the CDCPP	Reference document	Action by the CDCPP
<u>1238th meeting – 14</u> <u>October 2015</u>	The Deputies 1. adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)7 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school, as it appears at Appendix 7 to the present volume of Decisions ;		For information.
	2. adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)8 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on Transfrontier Landscapes, as it appears at Appendix 8 to the present volume of Decisions;		
	3. in the framework of the session 2014-2015 of the Council of Europe Landscape Award of the European Landscape Convention:		
	a. attributed the Landscape Award to the following achievement: "Borderless co-operation of local communities for the landscape heritage of 'Fabulous' Hetés", Local government authorities, the Greenways Methodological Association and the Iron Curtain Trail Association, Hungary, and all the Slovenian villages of the Hetés Region – Project presented by Hungary;		
	<ul> <li>b. attributed identical special mentions of the Landscape Award to the following achievements:</li> <li>"Service tree, the tree of the Slovácko Region", Municipality of Tvarožná Lhota and INEX voluntary</li> <li>service Bílé Karpaty – NGO, Czech Republic;</li> <li>"Liptovská Teplička: protection of unique types of historical landscape", Village of Liptovská Teplička, Slovak Republic;</li> <li>"The Sénia Territory Millennium Olive Tree Landscape", Taula del Sénia Commonwealth, Spain;</li> </ul>		
	c. acknowledged and praised the great value of all the other projects presented and recommended to make them well-known to the general		

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	<ul> <li>public for their exemplary value and as sources of inspiration:</li> <li>"Enhancement of the natural landscape of Hof ter Musschen",</li> <li>Committee on the environment of Brussels and surroundings,</li> <li>Belgium;</li> <li>"Ecomuseum Blaca Hermitage", Cultural Centre of Brač, Croatia;</li> <li>"Development of the historical centre of Agios Athanasios</li> <li>Municipality", Municipality of Agios Athanasios, Cyprus;</li> <li>"Bull by the Horns: grazing in nature and landscape management",</li> </ul>		
	Environment for Central Finland, Finland; - "Agricultural Park of Paduli", Open Urban Laboratory, Italy; - "The town of Kuldīga in the Venta Valley: preserving a unique landscape for the next generations", Kuldīga Municipality, Latvia; -"New Dutch Waterline", Board of the New Dutch Waterline, Netherlands; - "Biodiversity and natural resources management in Camili Basin", Camili Environmental Protection and Development Association, Turkey;		
	4. agreed to transmit the draft European Convention on Cinematographic Co-production (revised) and its Explanatory Report, as they appear in documents CM(2015)139 and CM(2015)139 add, to the Parliamentary Assembly and invited the Assembly to give its opinion on the draft Convention;		
	5. agreed to transmit the draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176), as it appears in document CM(2015)140, to the Parliamentary Assembly and invited the Assembly to give its opinion on the draft Protocol;		
	6. in the light of decisions 1 to 5 above, took note of the abridged report of the 4th meeting of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), as it appears in document CM(2015)135, as a whole.		

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1238 <sup>th</sup> meeting – 14 October 2015	The Deputies  3. concerning Recommendation 2080 (2015) – "Freedom of religion	See Appendix for Recommendation 2080 (2015)	Give instruction to the Secretariat on the drawing up of possible comments, if any.
	and living together in a democratic society" a. agreed to communicate it to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), to the Steering Committee for Educational Policy and Practice (CDPPE) and to the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ), for information and possible comments by 14 January 2016;		
	b. in the light of possible comments, invited their Rapporteur Group on Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment (GR- C) to prepare a draft reply for adoption at one of their forthcoming meetings;		

Recommendation 2080 (2015)

Provisional version

# Freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly, referring to its Resolution 2076 (2015) on freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society, and drawing attention to its Recommendation 1962 (2011) on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue and Recommendation 1975 (2011) "Living together in 21st-century Europe: follow-up to the report of the Group of Eminent Persons of the Council of Europe", reiterates its support for an integrated approach to issues relating to "living together" and refers to the numerous proposals that those texts contain, not all of which have been followed by practical measures.

2. Convinced of the urgent need to step up the Council of Europe's action so that it can better support member States' efforts to combat the danger that fanaticism and religious extremism, but also xenophobia and rejection of anything different, represent to our democratic societies, the Assembly confirms its readiness to help to draw up a comprehensive Council of Europe strategy on this subject.

3. The Assembly further considers that, in this context, the Council of Europe should step up and make more substantial its co-operation with the main religious communities and the main European organisations representing the secular humanist and philosophical world. It consequently recommends that the Committee of Ministers:

3.1. set up a stable an officially recognised platform for dialogue between the Council of Europe and senior representatives of religions and non-denominational organisations in order to consolidate the existing relations with those partners and foster active commitment by all the stakeholders in activities to promote the Organisation's fundamental values, which underpin "living together";

3.2. include this initiative amongst the Council of Europe's action priorities and develop it speedily in consultation with the parties concerned, closely involving the Parliamentary Assembly in it; invite, if appropriate, the European Union, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, and possibly other partners, to contribute to it;

3.3. link to this platform for dialogue the holding of thematic meetings on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue, which should be made more operational;

3.4. develop synergies between the platform and the thematic meetings on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue with other Council of Europe projects and initiatives in the field of education, culture and youth, such as the "No Hate Speech Movement – Young People for Human Rights Online", "Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights" and "Intercultural cities".

1. Assembly debate on 30 September 2015 (33rd Sitting) (see Doc. 13851, report of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, rapporteur: Mr Rafael Huseynov; Doc. 13886, opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Sir Edward Leigh; and Doc. 13871, opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 30 September 2015 (22rd Sitting) L

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