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For the attention of the members of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 24, 25 and 26 June 2025

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Strasbourg on 24, 25 and 26 June 2025, with first Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson, then with Mr Mehmet Akalin (Türkiye, ALDE), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the chair,

- **Tuesday 24 June 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Minutes**: postponed to its next meeting the approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Trondheim, Norway, on 3 and 4 June 2025;
 - **The Olympic Movement and peacekeeping: is sport neutrality serving sport values?** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): took position on one amendment to the draft resolution;
 - **Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities** (*Rapporteur: Mr Kim Valentin, Denmark, ALDE*): took position on one amendment to the draft resolution and took note that there were no amendments to the draft recommendation;
 - **Draft Council of Europe Convention on the Co-production of Audiovisual Works in the form of Series** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft opinion of the Assembly on the draft convention;
 - **Committee representation**: appointed (at no cost to the Assembly):
 - Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC) as member to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti, to be held in Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, on 2 August 2025;
 - Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC), Ms Belén Hoyo (Spain, EPP/CD), Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Mr Pavlo Sushko (Ukraine, ECPA), and Ms Maria-Nefeli Chatziioannidou (Greece, EPP/CD) as members to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy, to be held in Strasbourg, from 4 to 7 November 2025;
 - Mr Mehmet Akalin (Türkiye, ALDE), Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), Ms Gabriela Heinrich (Germany, SOC), Ms Belén Hoyo (Spain, EPP/CD), Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), Mr Fabio Pietrella (Italy, ECPA), Mr Pavlo Sushko (Ukraine, ECPA), Mr Nicos Tornaritis (Cyprus, EPP/CD), and Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR) as members to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the conference on Artificial Intelligence, to be held in London, UK, on 15 and 16 December 2025;¹

¹ Mr Yunus Emre (Turkey, SOC) and Ms Maria-Nefeli Chatziioannidou (Greece, EPP/CD), who also expressed their wish to participate in this *ad hoc* committee, will represent the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development respectively.

- **Other business:** heard Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), rapporteur on “Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace” about the attack in Kiev, Ukraine, on 10 June 2025 and the damage to Saint Sophia Cathedral, a monument built in the early 11th century and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site; agreed to invite the secretariat of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee to an exchange of views during the committee meeting to be held in Paris on 1 and 2 December 2025;
- **Committee work programme:**
 - *Reporting back:* heard Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, on her participation in the annual thematic conference: Effective Prosecution of crimes against journalists - Building the paradigm against impunity, held in Luxembourg, on 29 and 30 April 2025; and in the World Press Freedom Day 2025, held in Brussels, from 5 to 7 May 2025;
 - *Appointment of representatives:* appointed (at no cost to the Assembly) Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), in her capacity as General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, to participate in the meeting of the Women for a Sustainable Future (WSF) Network, to be held in Amman, Jordan on 22 and 23 July 2025;
- **Sub-committees:** approved the following changes:
 - *Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values:* Ms Patricia Lips (Germany, EPP/CD) becomes full member and Ms Awet Tesfaiesus (Germany, SOC) becomes her alternate;
 - *Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future:* Mr Adam Balten (Germany, ECPA) becomes full member and Mr Tilmann Kuban (Germany, EPP/CD) becomes his alternate;
 - *Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society:* Ms Gabriela Heinrich (Germany, SOC) becomes full member and Mr David Gregosz (Germany, EPP/CD) becomes her alternate;
- **Replies by the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the:
 - reply by the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 16168](#)) to Assembly [Recommendation 2280 \(2024\)](#) “Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace”, and asked the rapporteur, Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), to prepare an analysis with proposals for follow-up if necessary, and to present it to the committee;
 - reply by the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 16184](#)) to Assembly [Recommendation 2278 \(2024\)](#) “Quality education for children with special educational needs: challenges of the pandemic, war and digitalization”, and asked the rapporteur, Mr Pavlo Sushko (Ukraine, ECPA), to prepare an analysis with proposals for follow-up if necessary, and to present it to the committee;
- **Wednesday 25 June 2025 at 15:00**, as regards:
 - **Young people for democracy: youth perspectives in action:** held a hearing, in preparation for the 10th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth (8 and 9 October 2025, Valletta, Malta) and in the framework of the follow-up to Assembly [Resolution 2553 \(2024\)](#) “Strengthening the youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly” and of the preparation of the reports on “The role of youth in revitalising democracy” (Rapporteur: Ms Sona Ghazaryan, Armenia, ALDE), and “Youth movements for democracy” (Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE), with the participation of Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Youth rapporteur, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future, Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media; Ms Miriam Teuma, Chairperson of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ), Council of Europe; Ms Nina Grmuša, Chairperson of the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) and of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), Council of Europe ; Mr Francesco Gellel, Youth Community Officer, National Youth Council of Malta (KNZ); the Youth rapporteurs representing the Assembly committees: Ms Naomi Cachia (Malta, SOC), Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee); Ms Saara-Sofia Sirén (Finland, EPP/CD), Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights; Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC), Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development; Ms Aysu Bankoğlu (Türkiye, SOC), Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination; and Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of the Youth Department at the DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe;
- **Thursday 26 June 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Cooperation activities on freedom of media and disinformation:** held an exchange of views with Ms Alina Tatarenko, Head of Division, Division for Cooperation on Freedom of Expression, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe;

- **Socialising at schools: for an inclusive education fostering democratic values** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): considered an expert report and held an exchange of views with Mr Antonio Rodríguez Hernández, Professor at the Department of Developmental and Education Psychology, University of La Laguna, Spain (on-line);
- **Preserving European rural culture and heritage** (*Rapporteur: Ms Zeynep Yildiz, Türkiye, NR*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Zeynep Erdoğan, Professor and Dean of the Department of Fine Arts at Ankara University, Türkiye; and Ms Özlem Karakul, Professor at the Faculty of Fine Arts at Selçuk University, and member of the Cultural Heritage Committee of the Turkish National Commission for UNESCO, Türkiye (on-line);
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 4 September 2025,
 - Strasbourg, 29 September - 3 October 2025 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Paris, 1-2 December 2025.

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