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

Synopsis

of the meetings held in Strasbourg on 28 and 30 January 2025

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Strasbourg on Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 January 2025, with Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), the oldest member present, then Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson, Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson, and Ms Belén Hoyo (Spain, EPP/CD), 2nd Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair,

- **Tuesday 28 January 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Opening of the meeting by the oldest member present:**
 - welcomed representatives of the delegation of Belarusian democratic forces, as approved by the Bureau of the Assembly,
 - decided to open its 2025 meetings to elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot Community¹;
 - **Election of the Bureau of the committee:** elected by acclamation:
 - Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson,
 - Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), 1st Vice-Chairperson,
 - Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson;
 - **Communication from the Chairperson of the committee:**
 - took note of the reply from FIFA to the letter sent by the Chairperson of the committee concerning the decision on the host country of the 2034 FIFA World Cup, and, on the basis of a proposal from the Chairperson, agreed to pursue the dialogue with FIFA through a visit to Zurich, Switzerland, of a delegation of committee representatives, subject to the availability of funds;
 - was informed about the contentious relationship between the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) which led to calls for reform remaining unresolved, and, on the basis of a proposal from the Chairperson of the committee, agreed that the committee and the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport should play a role and plan further discussions on the subject;
 - took note of the information memorandum on “Gender equality in the functioning of the Assembly in 2024”, prepared by the Secretariat of the Committee on equality and Non-Discrimination;
 - was informed that the meeting of the committee scheduled to take place in Norway on 3 and 4 June 2025 will be held in Trondheim;

¹ In accordance with Resolution 1376 (2004).

- **Multiperspectivity in remembrance and history education for democratic citizenship** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): took position on 7 amendments and voted unanimously and tabled 2 written sub-amendments to the draft resolution; took note that there were no amendments to the draft recommendation; heard a brief presentation by Mr Rafal Rogulski, Director of the European Network on Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS), about the exhibition “Between life and death” related to the report;
- **Appointment of General Rapporteurs**: appointed:
 - Ms Mia Karamahić-Abazović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR), General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
 - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
 - Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Institutional representation of the Assembly**: appointed, for their approval by the Bureau of the Assembly, the following representatives to the:
 - European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity - North-South Centre:
 - Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), representative, subject to her declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
 - European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI):
 - Ms Zeynep Yildiz (Türkiye, NR), representative,
 - Baroness Ruth Hunt (United Kingdom, SOC), substitute,and heard their declarations of absence of conflict of interests,
 - Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art (C-ART):
 - Mr Constantinos Efsthathiou (Cyprus, SOC), representative, subject to his declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
 - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), representative, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
 - Europa Nostra - Pan-European Federation for Heritage:
 - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), representative,
 - Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), substitute,and heard their declarations of absence of conflict of interests,
 - Committee of the Parties of the Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property:
 - Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), representative, and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Committee representation**: appointed:
 - for their approval by the Bureau of the Assembly, the following representatives to the:
 - *Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network, to be held from 5 to 7 February 2025 in Paris:
 - Ms Mia Karamahić-Abazović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR),
 - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), if an additional place is available,
 - *Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the parliamentary conference on “Envisioning effective public policy to prevent & address cases of missing migrants” organised as a follow-up to [Resolution 2569 \(2024\)](#) “Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate”, to be held on 23 and 24 April 2025 in Strasbourg: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
 - as representative to the Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment: Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - as Youth Rapporteur, ([Resolution 2553 \(2024\)](#) “Strengthening the youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly”): Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

- **Committee work programme:**
 - *References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:*
 - appointed:
 - Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), rapporteur on “Olympic Movement and peacekeeping: is sport neutrality serving sport values?” ([Doc. 15721](#)), and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
 - Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), rapporteur on “Media freedom in sport” ([Doc. 16036](#)), and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
 - Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), rapporteur for opinion on “Strengthening freedom of expression: an imperative for the consolidation and development of democratic societies” ([Doc. 16062](#)), and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - decided to ask the Bureau for the extension of the following references:
 - “Olympic Movement and peacekeeping: is sport neutrality serving sport values?” ([Doc. 15721](#)) (Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC), until 30 April 2025,
 - “The role of youth in revitalising democracy” ([Doc. 15756](#)) (Rapporteur: Ms Sona Ghazaryan, Armenia, ALDE), until 30 June 2025;
- **Reconstitution and composition of the sub-committees:** reconstituted its three sub-committees as follows:
 - Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values,
 - Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future,
 - Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society,
 and approved their composition (see appendix);
- **Thursday 30 January 2025 at 8:30**, as regards:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the committee:** elected by acclamation:
 - Ms Belén Hoyo (Spain, EPP/CD), 2nd Vice-Chairperson;
 - **Reconstitution and composition of the sub-committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future:
 - Ms Cat Eccles (United Kingdom, SOC) becomes full member and Baroness Ruth Hunt (United Kingdom, SOC) her alternate;
 - **Regulating content moderation on social media to safeguard freedom of expression** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*): took position on 6 amendments and voted and tabled 1 written sub-amendment² to the draft resolution;
 - **Olympic Movement and peacekeeping: is sport neutrality serving sport values?** (*Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report; at the rapporteur’s request, authorised him to transmit the report to representatives of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in order to have their feedback in time for the committee meeting of April 2025, in Strasbourg;
 - **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to Assembly’s recommendations and follow-up by the committee:** considered the analyses of the:
 - reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 16075](#)) to [Recommendation 2267 \(2024\)](#) “Countering SLAPPs: an imperative for a democratic society” prepared by the rapporteur, Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), and approved the rapporteur’s follow-up proposals;
 - reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 16076](#)) to [Recommendation 2268 \(2024\)](#) “Guaranteeing media freedom and the safety of journalists: an obligation of member States” prepared by Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, and approved the General Rapporteur’s follow-up proposals;

² The written sub-amendment was declared inadmissible.

– **Committee work programme:**

- *Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events:*
 - approved, subject to the availability of funds, the participation of:
 - Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future, in the international conference “Democracy and Youth in the Digital Age” organised by the University of Luxembourg in the framework of Luxembourg’s chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, from 19 to 21 March 2025 in Luxembourg,
 - Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), Representative of the committee for the Council of Europe Museum Prize, in the EMYA 2025 Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony, from 22 to 24 May 2025 in Białystok, Pologne,
 - Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the committee, Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport, Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE), rapporteur on “Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities” and Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), rapporteur for follow-up on “Football governance: business and values”, in a meeting with FIFA representatives in Zurich, Switzerland (dates to be agreed);
 - approved the participation, at no cost for the Assembly, of Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future, in the 10th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth, organised under the Maltese Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, on 8 and 9 October 2025 in Valetta, Malta;
- *Requests or information from rapporteurs:* heard a presentation of the outline for the report and approved a request from Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), rapporteur on “Socialising at schools: for an inclusive education fostering democratic values”, to engage the services of an expert to assist her in the preparation of the report;
- *Emerging issues:* held an exchange of views on possible themes for new reports;

– **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

- 12 March 2025, Paris,
- 7-11 April 2025, Strasbourg, during the second part-session,
- 3-4 June 2025, Trondheim, Norway,
- 23-27 June 2025, Strasbourg, during the third part-session,
- 29 September - 3 October 2025, Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session,
- 1-2 December 2025, Paris;

• **Thursday 30 January 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:

- **Ukrainian prisoners of war, journalists and other civilians held in captivity by the Russian Federation:** held a joint hearing with the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, with the participation of Mr Maksym Butkevych, Human rights defender, officer of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, ex-POW, journalist; Ms Leniie Umerova - recently exchanged Crimean Tatar and civilian hostage (Ukrainian citizen); Mr Yulian Pylypei, Ukrainian marine, Mariupol defender, 2.5 years in Russian captivity; and Ms Nataliia Yashchuk, Senior War Consequences Officer, Center for Civil Liberties, Kyiv, followed by an exchange of views.

Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2025, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), the oldest member present, then Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the sub-committee:** elected by acclamation:
 - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), Chairperson,
 - Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), Vice-Chairperson;

- **Next meeting:** decided to leave it to the Chairperson to call the next meeting.

Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2025, with Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), the oldest member present, then Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the sub-committee:** elected by acclamation:
 - Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson,
 - Ms Sona Ghazaryan (Armenia, ALDE), Vice-Chairperson;
- **Next meeting:** decided to leave it to the Chairperson to call the next meeting.

Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2025, with Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), the oldest member present, then Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the sub-committee:** elected by acclamation:
 - Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson;
- **Next meeting:** decided to leave it to the Chairperson to call the next meeting.

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