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

Synopsis of the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society meeting held in Edinburgh on 9 September 2024

The Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting at the Royal Scots Club in Edinburgh on Monday 9 September 2024 from 9 am to 5.30 pm, with Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) in the chair, as regards:

- **Opening of the meeting:** heard a welcome speech by Lord George Foulkes, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society;
- **Agenda:** adopted the agenda;
- **Minutes:** approved the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2024 in Paris;
- **Public regulation of the freedom of expression on digital platforms** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Mark David Cole, Professor for Media and Telecommunication Law at the University of Luxembourg, and Ms Gemma Shields, Online Safety Policy Lead (Human Rights and Transparency) at Ofcom, United Kingdom;
- **Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*): considered a preliminary introductory memorandum and held a hearing with Ms Rachael Craufurd-Smith, Reader in EU Law at the Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom; Ms Elda Brogi, Scientific Coordinator of the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom, Florence, Italy; Mr Richard Walker, journalist, United Kingdom;
- **Media freedom in sport:** held a hearing with Mr Håvard Melnæs, Editor at Josimar, Oslo, Norway, and Mr Raymond Boyle, Centre for Cultural Policy Research, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom;
- **Work programme and future priorities of the Sub-committee:** considered priority themes for new reports in the subcommittee's field of work;
- **Next meeting**
decided on the forthcoming meeting as follows:
 - 1st part-session 2025 (27-31 January 2025)

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