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

### Synopsis

#### of the meeting held in Paris on 3 and 4 December 2024

**The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in Paris on Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 December 2024, with Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD) and Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) in the chair,

- **Tuesday 3 December 2024**, as regards:
  - **Minutes:** approved the minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 1 and 3 October 2024 and decided to declassify the minutes of the:
    - joint meeting on “Countering addiction to sports betting” with the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, held in Strasbourg on 25 June 2024;
    - joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) with the Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) and the Sub-Committee on Children (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development), held in Strasbourg on 27 April 2023;
  - **The Council of Europe Museum Prize** (*Committee’s representative for the Council of Europe Museum Prize: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Ms Amina Krvavac, Chairperson of the Jury for the Museum Prize, European Museum Forum (EMF), and decided to award the 2025 Museum Prize to Euskararen Etxea (The House of Basque Language), Bilbao, Spain;
  - **Communication from the Chairperson of the committee:**
    - took note of the postponement of the exchange of views on the monument of Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, Türkiye, which is now scheduled for the meeting of the committee on 12 March 2025 in Paris;
    - welcomed the invitation by the Chairperson of the Norwegian delegation to hold a meeting of the committee on 3 and 4 June 2025 in Norway, and decided to ask the Bureau for the authorisation;
    - on the basis of a proposal from the Chairperson of the committee, agreed to send a letter to the President of FIFA concerning the decision on the host country of the 2034 FIFA World Cup, to be taken on 11 December 2024, and to explore the possibility of organising a meeting with the President of FIFA in January 2025, involving the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the President of the Parliamentary Assembly in this initiative;
    - was informed of the [statement](#) by the Chairperson of the committee on the closure of the Gulag History Museum (Moscow, Russian Federation), winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize in 2021;
    - took note of the deadline for the call for nominations for the [Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment](#) (28 March 2025);

- **Meetings preparation and planning of committee work:** considered an information note prepared by the Secretariat of the committee and took note of a provisional timetable for the adoption of current reports, as well as of preliminary proposals for substantive issues that might appear on the agenda of the committee's meetings in 2025;
- **Committee work programme:**
  - *Reports on recent meetings:* heard the reports from:
    - Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future, on her participation online in the “Consultative meeting on the integration of a youth perspective”, on 19 and 20 September 2024 in Strasbourg;
    - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), PACE representative to Europa Nostra, on her participation, together with that of Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), PACE substitute to Europa Nostra, in the European Cultural Heritage Summit 2024, from 6 to 8 October 2024 in Bucharest, Romania;
    - Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the committee, on her participation, together with that of Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport, in the 18<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, on 9 and 10 October 2024 in Porto, Portugal;
    - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values, on her participation in the Conference on Sustaining democracy through quality citizenship education, on 17 and 18 October 2024 in Berlin, Germany;
    - Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the committee, on her participation in the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) annual conference on “AI and Democracy”, on 21 October 2024 in Oslo, Norway;
    - Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future, on her participation, together with that of Ms Sona Ghazaryan (Armenia, ALDE), rapporteur on “The role of youth in revitalising democracy”, in the Youth Space Berlin Conference (Y-SPACE) - Celebrating 75 years of the Council of Europe, Revitalising democracy, organised by the German delegation to the PACE and the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, on 14 and 15 November 2024, at the German Bundestag, Berlin, Germany;
    - Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), rapporteur for follow-up on “The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue”, on his participation in the Parliamentary Round Table “Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe as a platform for intercultural dialogue”, organised by the PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division in collaboration with the Luxembourg Delegation to PACE, on 29 November 2024 in Luxembourg;
  - *Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events:* approved the participation, at no cost for the Assembly, of Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), rapporteur on “Multiperspectivity in remembrance and history education for democratic citizenship” and Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values, in the “Interpret Europe” conference on the theme “Heroes, anti-heroes and villains: How we (re)create, use and dismantle them”, from 11 to 14 April 2025 in Sulejówek, Poland;
- **Multiperspectivity in remembrance and history teaching: tools for education for democratic citizenship** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): approved the request from the rapporteur to change the title of the report to “Multiperspectivity in remembrance and history education for democratic citizenship”; took note of the explanatory memorandum and then adopted unanimously a draft resolution, as amended following the discussion, and a draft recommendation, thereby approving the report;
- **Wednesday 4 December 2024**, as regards:
- **Olympic Movement and peacekeeping: is sport neutrality serving sport values?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Denisa Elena Neagu Romania, ALDE*):
  - in the absence of the rapporteur, considered an expert report and an information memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Luigi Melica, Professor of Comparative Public Law, University of Salento, Italy; and Mr Guido Battaglia, Head of Partnerships and Institutional Affairs, Head of Geneva Office, Centre for Sport and Human Rights;
  - decided to propose to the Bureau of the Assembly to plan a joint debate during the 2025 third part-session for this report and the report “Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities” (Rapporteur: Mr Kim Valentin, Denmark, ALDE);

- decided to ask the Bureau for the extension of the reference until 31 March 2025;
- **Public regulation of the freedom of expression on digital platforms** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italia, ALDE*): approved the request from the rapporteur to change the title of the report to “Regulating content moderation on social media to safeguard freedom of expression”; took note of the explanatory memorandum and then adopted unanimously a draft resolution, thereby approving the report;
- **Committee work programme:**
  - *Reports on recent meetings:* heard the report from:
    - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on media freedom and safety of journalists, on her participation in the Annual Thematic Conference: Protection of Journalists - a multistakeholder dialogue, in the framework of the Council of Europe Campaign for the Safety of Journalists “Journalists Matter”, on 29 and 30 October 2024 in Strasbourg;
- **Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities** (*Rapporteur: Mr Kim Valentin, Denmark, ALDE*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Niels Lindholm, Compliance and Risk Officer, World Athletics; Mr Stephen Cockburn, Deputy Director and Head of Economic and Social Justice at Amnesty International UK, and representative of the Sport & Rights Alliance; and Mr Alexandre Husting, Chairperson of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) Governing Board, Council of Europe;
- **Towards a Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport:** considered and approved the draft terms of reference of the Alliance and decided to send the document to the Bureau for adoption during the 2025 first part-session;
- **Priorities of the committee and proposals for new reports in 2025:** considered a memorandum presented by the Chairperson of the committee and held an exchange of views;
- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to Assembly’s recommendations and follow-up by the committee:** took note of the:
  - reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 16075](#)) to [Recommendation 2267 \(2024\)](#) “Countering SLAPPs: an imperative for a democratic society”, and asked the rapporteur, Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), to prepare an analysis with follow-up proposals if necessary, and to report back to the committee at one of its next meetings;
  - 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” and in agreement with the rapporteur, Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), asked Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on media freedom and safety of journalists, to prepare an analysis with follow-up proposals if necessary, and to report back to the committee at one of its next meetings;
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - 27-31 January 2025, Strasbourg, during the first part-session,
  - 12 March 2025, Paris,
  - 7-11 April 2025, Strasbourg, during the second part-session,
  - 3-4 June 2025, Norway (tbc, subject to authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly),
  - 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.

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