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

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 1 and 3 October 2024

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Strasbourg on Tuesday 1 October and Thursday 3 October 2024, with Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) in the chair,

- **Tuesday 1 October 2024 from 8:30 to 10:00**, as regards:
 - **Propaganda and freedom of information in Europe** (*Rapporteur*: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC): took position on 6 amendments and 2 sub-amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **Institutional representation**:
 - *Appointment of a representative to the Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art (C-ART)*: designated, for her appointment by the Bureau of the Assembly, Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC) as representative, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - *Appointment of a Youth Rapporteur (Assembly Resolution 2553 (2024) "Strengthening a youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly")*: took note of the establishment of a PACE-Youth Participation Mechanism and of the expression of interest in this subject from Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson of the *Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future*;
 - **The Council of Europe Museum Prize**: appointed Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) as representative of the committee for the Museum Prize 2025, and took note of his written declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - **Committee representatives for designation by the Bureau of the Assembly**:
 - *Ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Conference of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network (EPTA), on the theme "Artificial Intelligence and Democracy", on 21 October 2024 in Oslo, Norway*: in addition to Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the committee, and of Mr Andi-Lucian Cristea (Romania, SOC), General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment, designated, for their appointment by the Bureau of the Assembly as members of the *ad hoc* committee: Mr Mathieu Michel (Belgium, ALDE) and Ms Marijana Puljak (Croatia, ALDE);
 - *Ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Council of Europe Parliamentary Conference on "Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport", on 4-5 November 2024 in Athens, Greece*: designated, for their appointment by the Bureau of the Assembly as members of the *ad hoc* committee: Mr Mehmet Akalin (Türkiye, ALDE), Mr Simone Billi (Italy, EC/DA), Mr Nikolla Camaj (Montenegro, ALDE), Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), Ms Gökçe Gökçen (Türkiye, SOC), Ms Seda Gören Bölük (Türkiye, NR), Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Ms Belén Hoyo (Spain, EPP/CD)*, Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), Ms Mia Karamehić-Abazović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR),

* Designated by the committee on 3 October 2024.

Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Mr Jan Lacina (Czechia, EPP/CD)*, Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), Mr Mathieu Michel (Belgium, ALDE), Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), Ms Denisa Elena Neagu (Romania, ALDE), Mr Fabio Pietrella (Italy, EC/DA), Ms Catia Polidori (Italy, EPP/CD), Mr Ion Prioteasa (Romania, SOC), Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Ms Eka Sepashvili (Georgia, EC/DA), Mr Pavlo Sushko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE) and Ms Zeynep Yildiz (Türkiye, NR) ;

- *Ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on "Democracy and Diversity - Can we transcend the divides?", on 6-8 November 2024 in Strasbourg:* designated, for their appointment by the Bureau of the Assembly as members of the *ad hoc* committee: Ms Gökçe Gökçen (Türkiye, SOC), Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE) and Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE);
- **The role of youth in revitalising democracy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sona Ghazaryan, Armenia, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Nina Grmuša, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), and Mr Jorge Jraissati, President of the Economic Inclusion Group, Madrid;
- **Towards a Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport:** heard some information on the steps towards its establishment from Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport;
- **Thursday 3 October 2024 from 14:00 to 15:00**, as regards:
- **Risks and opportunities of the metaverse** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andi-Lucian Cristea, Romania, SOC*): took position on 1 amendment to the draft resolution;
- **Committee work programme:**
 - *References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed:
 - Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), rapporteur on *Journalists matter: the need to step up efforts to liberate Ukrainian journalists held in captivity by the Russian Federation*, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - Ms Mia Karamehić-Abazović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR), rapporteur for opinion on *Artificial intelligence and gender equality: risks and challenges*, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Public regulation of the freedom of expression on digital platforms** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italia, ALDE*): considered an information memorandum;
- **Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italia, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Composition of the sub-committees:** approved the following changes:
 - *Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values:*
 - Ms Meritxell Alcobé (Andorra, ALDE) becomes full member;
 - Ms Britt Huybrechts (Belgium, EC/DA) becomes the alternate of Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR);
 - Ms Alexandra Schoos (Luxembourg, EC/DA) becomes full member;
 - *Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future:*
 - Ms Meritxell Alcobé (Andorra, ALDE) becomes full member;
 - Ms Kristina Ikić Baniček (Croatia, SOC) becomes full member;
 - Mr Mathieu Michel (Belgium, ALDE) becomes full member and Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) becomes his alternate;
 - Ms Alexandra Schoos (Luxembourg, EC/DA) becomes full member;
 - *Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society:*
 - M. Nikolla Camaj (Montenegro, ADLE) becomes full member;
 - Mme Jamila Madeira (Portugal, SOC) becomes full member and Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) becomes her alternate;

– **Committee work programme:**

- *Declarations of absence of conflict of interests:* heard the declaration of absence of conflict of interests from Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR), rapporteur on *Preserving European rural culture and heritage*;
- *Reports on recent meetings:* heard the reports from:
 - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists and rapporteur on *Public regulation of the freedom of expression on digital platforms*, on her participation in the 2nd Meeting of National Focal Points under the Council of Europe Campaign for the Safety of Journalists “Journalists Matter”, on 20-21 June 2024 in Strasbourg, and on her fact-finding visit on 16-18 July 2024 in Dublin, Ireland;
 - Mr Andi-Lucian Cristea (Romania, SOC), rapporteur on *Risks and opportunities of the metaverse*, on his participation in the Augmented World Expo (AWE) Asia 2024, on 26-28 August 2024 in Singapore;
 - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), Chairperson, and Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), Vice-Chairperson of the *Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values*, on their participation in the 7th Edition of the heritage Forum of Central Europe, on 4-5 September 2024 in Krakow, Poland;
- *Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events:*
 - took note that:
 - the Chairperson of the committee had approved, subject to the availability of funds, the participation of Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC) and Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), PACE representative and substitute to Europa Nostra, in the European Cultural Heritage Summit 2024, from 6 to 8 October 2024 in Bucharest, Romania;
 - the President of the Assembly had designated Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee, to represent the Assembly at the 18th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, on 9 and 10 October 2024 in Porto, Portugal, and Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport, to accompany her;
 - approved the participation, at no cost for the Assembly, of:
 - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), Chairperson of the *Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values*, in the Conference on Sustaining democracy through quality citizenship education, on 17 and 18 October 2024 in Berlin, Germany;
 - Ms Sona Ghazaryan (Armenia, ALDE), rapporteur on *The role of youth in revitalising democracy*, and Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson of the *Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future*, 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;
 - approved, subject to the availability of funds, the participation of:
 - Ms Mia Karamehić-Abazović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR), PACE representative to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), in the exceptional 2024 annual seminar organised by the ECRI for Council of Europe member states’ Equality Bodies, in close consultation with the European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET) and the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), on 17 and 18 October 2024 in Strasbourg;
 - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, 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 in Strasbourg;

- *Requests or information from rapporteurs*: approved the request from Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), rapporteur on *The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship*, to change the title of the report to *Multiperspectivity in remembrance and history teaching: tools for education for democracy citizenship*;
- *Sub-committees*: heard from Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) about the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society, held on 9 September 2024 in Edinburgh, United Kingdom;
- **Communication from the Chairperson of the Committee**: following the decision of the committee to resume a discussion on the situation of the Hagia Sophia monument in Istanbul (Türkiye) registered on the UNESCO World Heritage list, took note that Mr Lazare Eloundou Assomo, Director of the World Heritage Centre, UNESCO has been invited to take part in a hearing during the committee meeting on 3 and 4 December 2024 in Paris;
- **Next meetings**: decided to hold its next meeting as follows:
 - 3 and 4 December 2024, Paris.

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