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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 Trondheim, Norway, on 3 and 4 June 2025

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and the Media, meeting in Trondheim, Norway, on 3 and 4 June 2025, with Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the chair,

- **Tuesday 3 June 2025 at 9:00**, as regards:

- **Opening of the meeting:**

- heard statements by Mr Tomas Iver Hallem, County Mayor of Trøndelag, Norway; Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; and Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland, Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- was informed by the Chairperson of the committee about the statement made by Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), PACE Rapporteur on the situation in the Middle East, condemning the closure of Saint Catherine's Monastery in Sinai, Egypt;
- heard a thank you message addressed by the Chairperson, on behalf of the committee, to Mr Roberto Fasino, Head of the Secretariat of the committee who had retired;

- **Committee work programme:**

- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), rapporteur for report on "Youth movements for Democracy" (Bureau decision), and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests; agreed to add a meeting to the committee's agenda on 4 September 2025, in Paris, to adopt the report with a view to a debate during the fourth part-session of the Assembly (29 September - 3 October 2025);
- *Motion for a resolution and a recommendation*: decided to table on behalf of the committee:
 - the motion for a recommendation "A new European Convention on Freedom of the Media", presented by Mr Benjamin Dalle (Belgium, EPP/CD);
 - the motion for a resolution "Partnerships between culture and education sectors for young people to engage in democratic society", presented by Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC);
- *Appointment of representatives*: appointed, subject to the availability of funds, Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), in her capacity as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values, to participate in the 4th Annual forum for history education, to be held in Budapest, Hungary, from 11 to 13 June 2025;

- **Journalists matter: the need to step up efforts to liberate Ukrainian journalists held in captivity by the Russian Federation** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*):

- considered an information memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Sevgil Musayeva, Ukrainian journalist, Chief-editor of Ukrainska Pravda (online); Mr Edouard Perrin, Editor, Forbidden Stories; Mr Dmytro Lubinets, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights

(online); and Mr Philippe Tremblay, Director, Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Vienna;

- heard a proposal from Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Assembly, addressed to the rapporteur and to the committee, to establish a "Victory for Victoria Day", dedicated to the memory of Ukrainian journalist Victoria Roshchyna, as an annual commemorative day to honour all war correspondents and support free journalism;
- **Platform for the Safety of Journalists:** held an exchange of views with Mr Scott Griffen, Executive Director at the International Press Institute (IPI); Mr Péter Náadori, Chief Operating Officer, Direkt36, Hungary; Ms Flutura Kusari, Senior Legal Advisor, European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF); and Mr Jesper Nymark, Executive Director and Editor in Chief, Danwatch;
- **Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities**
Rapporteur: Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE):
 - was informed about the fact-finding visit of a committee delegation, including Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson, Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE), rapporteur, Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport, and Mr Roland Rino Büchel (Switzerland, ALDE), with FIFA leaderships and experts, including Mr Mattias Grafström, FIFA Secretary General, in Zurich, Switzerland, on 21 May 2025, in the framework of the preparation of the report ;
 - considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, as amended, and a draft recommendation;
- **Protecting a values-based sport and sport integrity: rebuilding trust:** held the launch meeting of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport (see the synopsis hereafter);
- **The value of national and cultural anniversaries in contributing to strong, peaceful, democratic and diverse communities:** held an exchange of views moderated by Mr Trond Åm, City Councilor for Culture, Sports and Outdoor Activities, Norway, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Ms Birthe Nordahl, Secretary General of the Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities in Norway and member of the National Committee for the 2030 Anniversary, Norway; Mr Kent Ranum, Mayor of Trondheim, Norway; and Ms Herborg Finnset, Bishop of Nidaros, Norway;
- **Wednesday 4 June 2025 at 09:00**, as regards:
 - **Other business:** heard a thank you message addressed by the Chairperson, on behalf of the committee, to Mr Axel Schäfer (Germany, SOC), member of the Parliamentary Assembly since 2010, who was retiring;
 - **The role of youth in revitalising democracy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sona Ghazaryan, Armenia, ALDE*): in the absence of the rapporteur, heard a statement by Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) and held an exchange of views with Ms Ida Haugen Skulstad, Kulturtanken's Youth Council; and Ms Ingrid Aspelund, Acting Executive Director, [The European Wergeland Centre](#); decided to ask the Bureau for the extension of the reference until 31 December 2025;
 - **Socialising at schools: for an inclusive education fostering democratic values** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ms Regine Oen Rong, Director, Organisation MOT (Courage), Trondheim, Ms Ingrid Aspelund, Acting Executive Director, [The European Wergeland Centre](#); and Mr Anas Alammori, Co-ordinator, Norwegian Red Cross, Trondheim;
 - **Partnerships between culture and education sectors for young people to engage in a democratic society:** held an exchange of views with Mr Henrik Kierulf, member of the Trøndelag County Council; Mr Ståle Stenslie, Head of department, [Kulturtanken](#); Mr Sten Frode Solvang, School principal, Brundalen School, Trondheim; and Ms Ida Haugen Skulstad, [Kulturtanken](#)'s Youth Council;
 - **Cultural Route of Saint Olav Ways:** in the framework of the follow-up to Assembly [Resolution 2488 \(2023\)](#) and [Recommendation 2249 \(2024\)](#) "The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue", held an exchange of views with Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), rapporteur on "The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue"; Mr Hans Morten Løvrød, Senior Advisor and Route Manager, [Saint Olav Ways](#) (ACSOW), Trøndelag, Norway; and Ambassador Alejandra del Río Novo, Ambassador of Spain to Norway;
 - **Sub-committees:** approved the following changes to the composition of the sub-committees:
 - *Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values:* Mr Cristian-Augustin Niculescu-Țăgârlaș (Romania, EPP/CD) becomes the alternate of Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE);

- *Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future*: Ms Bianca Eugenia Gavrilă, (Romania, NR) becomes full member and Ms Dumitrița Albu (Romania, NR) becomes alternate;
 - *Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society*: Ms Cristina Gabriella Dumitrescu (Romania, ECPA) become full member and Mr Cristian-Augustin Niculescu-Țâgârlaș (EPP/CD) becomes her alternate;
- **Other business**: was informed by the Chairperson of the committee about the discussions underway between the Greek and Egyptian authorities regarding Saint Catherine's Monastery in Sinai, Egypt, and agreed to come back to this subject, if necessary, at its next meeting;
- **Next meetings**: took note of its next meetings as follows:
- Strasbourg, 23-27 June 2025 (during the Assembly part-session);
 - Paris, 4 September 2025;
 - Strasbourg, 29 September - 3 October 2025 (during the Assembly part-session);
 - Paris, 1-2 December 2025.

Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, meeting in Trondheim, Norway, on 3 June 2025, with first Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, then with Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Alliance**: elected by acclamation:
- Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE), Chairperson, and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Priorities and proposals for a work programme**: considered a memorandum prepared by the secretariat and heard additional proposals to be discussed in the framework of the Alliance;
- **Protecting a values-based sport and sport integrity: rebuilding trust**
- *Part 1: Corruption in sport: implications for international sports governance (safeguards, conflicts of interest, need for reforms)*: held an exchange of views with Mr Jens Sejer Andersen, Founder of and Senior Advisor at [Play the Game](#); and Ms Tanja Haug, member of the External Review Commission and Biathlon Integrity Unit, International Biathlon Union (IBU);
 - *Part 2: Current challenges in global Anti-Doping efforts and the role of international institutions: strengthening clean sport through co-operation, accountability and more robust enforcement mechanisms*: held an exchange of views moderated by Mr Johann Olav Koss, four-time Olympic gold medallist and sports commentator, with Mr Anders Solheim, CEO, Anti-Doping Norway; Mr Tony Josiah, Director of Education, Insight and Global Engagement, UK Anti-Doping (UKAD); and Mr Rob Koehler, Director General of Global Athlete;
- **Next meetings**: took note of its next meetings as follows:
- Strasbourg, 29 September - 3 October 2025 (during the Assembly part-session);
 - Paris, 1-2 December 2025.

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