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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 Paris on 4 September 2025

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Paris on 4 September 2025, with Mr Mehmet Akalin (Turkiye, ALDE), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the chair, as regards:

- **Communication from the Chairperson of the Committee:** heard the Chairperson expressing the Committee's deepest concerns over the escalation of the situation in Ukraine, and its full support for the Ukrainian delegation and Ukrainian members of the committee;
- **Youth movements for democracy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with Ms Nina Grmuša, Chairperson of the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) and of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), Council of Europe; considered and approved a draft report, took note of a dissenting opinion to the explanatory memorandum, and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **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 and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **Committee work programme:**
 - *Appointment of rapporteurs:*
 - at the proposal of Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), unanimously decided to propose to the Bureau to hold a debate under the urgent procedure on the topic of “Reporting from Gaza: an urgent call to protect the lives of journalists and support their work” during the fourth part of the 2025 session of the Assembly;
 - decided to appoint Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) as rapporteur on this proposed urgent affairs debate, subject to the approval of the Assembly of the requested debate and its referral to the Committee, and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - agreed that the motion for a resolution on “The erosion of press freedom through violence against journalists in the Middle East” ([Doc. 16204](#)) will be discussed by the Committee at a later date, in the light of the proposed urgent affairs debate, to determine whether a further, wider report around this topic is still needed;
 - *Call for candidates for rapporteurs:* made a call for rapporteurs, to be appointed at the next meeting, on:
 - Upholding our diverse culture, freedom of expression and information by effective enforcement of copyright ([Doc. 16165](#)): noted Ms Valentina Grippo's (Italy, ALDE) interest;
 - Partnerships between culture and education sectors for young people to engage in a democratic society ([Doc. 16187](#)): noted Ms Luz Martínez Seijo's (Spain, SOC) interest;
 - A new European Convention on Freedom of the Media ([Doc. 16188](#)): noted Mr Benjamin Dalle's (Belgium, EPP/CD) interest;

- **Reporting back:** heard:
 - Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), Representative of the Committee for the Council of Europe Museum Prize, on his participation in the Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony of the European Museum of the Year Award scheme (EMYA) 2025, held in Białystok, Poland, from 22 to 24 May 2025;
 - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values and rapporteur for follow-up on “Multiperspectivity in remembrance and history education for democratic citizenship”, on her participation in the 4th Annual forum for history education, held in Budapest, Hungary, from 11 to 13 June 2025;
- **Appointment of representatives:** appointed:
 - at no cost to the Assembly: Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), as panellist, in her quality of General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, to participate in the MFRR Summit 2025 (European Centre for Press and Media Freedom), to be held in Brussels on 13 October 2025;
 - subject to the availability of funds: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), as panellist, in her quality of rapporteur for follow-up on “Multiperspectivity in remembrance and history education for democratic citizenship”, to participate in the plenary session of the World Forum for Democracy, organised by the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe (OHTe), to be held in Strasbourg on 7 November 2025;
- **Committee representation:** reviewed the list of members, appointed in June, of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate at no cost to the Assembly in the conference on Artificial Intelligence, to be held in London, UK, on 15 and 16 December 2025, and decided to appoint:
 - Mr Mehmet Akalin (Türkiye, ALDE), Ms Belén Hoyo (Spain, EPP/CD), Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), and Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC) as members, and
 - Ms Gabriela Heinrich (Germany, SOC), Mr Fabio Pietrella (Italy, ECPA), Mr Pavlo Sushko (Ukraine, ECPA), Mr Nicos Tornaritis (Cyprus, EPP/CD), and Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR) as their substitutes, who could replace members of the *ad hoc* committee at the conference in case any of the six members are not available for the dates, or in case spaces allocated to other committees become free;
- **Replies by the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the reply by the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 16208](#)) to Assembly [Recommendation 2290 \(2025\)](#) “Multiperspectivity in remembrance and history education for democratic citizenship”, and asked the rapporteur, Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), to prepare an analysis with proposals for follow-up if necessary, and to present it to the committee;
- **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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