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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 12 March 2026

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Paris on 12 March 2026, with first Baroness Ruth Hunt (United Kingdom, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson, then with Ms Alexandra Schoos (Luxembourg, ECPA), 1st Vice-Chairperson, and Ms Agnieszka Pomaska (Poland, EPP/CD), 2nd Vice-Chairperson, in the chair, as regards:

– **Communication from the Chairperson of the committee:**

- reminded members that all participants must register on time via the Pace-Apps platform for all committee meetings and respond to all questions regarding interpretation, as well as cultural and social events, where applicable; reminded members of the committee meeting to be held in Istanbul on 2 and 3 June 2026;
- was informed of two recent public statements of direct relevance to the committee and to the Parliamentary Alliance for good governance and integrity in sport: [Olympic Games must be a force for peace and human dignity](#), and [Russia's exclusion from international football competitions remains necessary until peace is restored](#); was informed about the thematic focus of the next activities of the Parliamentary Alliance, including its next meeting on 3 June in Istanbul;
- was informed of the ceremony to award the Council of Europe Museum Prize to Young V&A museum on Monday 20 April at 12:30, during the Assembly part-session, and encouraged the members to attend it;

– **Upholding our diverse culture, freedom of expression and information by effective enforcement of copyright** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, heard a request presented on his behalf by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) and agreed to change the title of the report to "Copyright enforcement in the Artificial Intelligence environment"; considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;

– **Media freedom in sport** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, held an exchange of views with Mr Andreas Selliaas, sport journalist, Norway; and Ms Mejdaline Mhiri, co-president of the Association of Women Sports Journalists, Paris; took note of the rapporteur's decision to resign, issued a call for rapporteur, and noted Ms Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen's (Norway, EPP/CD) interest;

– **The erosion of press freedom through violence against journalists in the Middle East** (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): at the rapporteur's request, agreed to change the title of the report to "Journalism in the context of the Israel-Gaza conflict"; considered an information memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Jonathan Dagher, Middle East expert, Reporters Without Borders, Paris;

– **The New Democratic Pact for Europe**: held an exchange of views with Mr Matjaz Gruden, Director, Directorate for Democracy, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe;

- **Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE; Rapporteur for opinion, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Ms Gala Veldhoen, Netherlands, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr Andrei Richter, PhD, Professor Researcher, Department of Journalism, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University Bratislava; and Mr Frédéric Bokobza, Deputy Director General of the Regulatory Authority for Audiovisual and Digital Communication (Arcom), France;
- **Committee work programme:**
 - *Appointment of rapporteurs*: took note of Ms Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen's (Norway, EPP/CD) and Mr Andries Gryffroy's (Belgium, ALDE) candidatures, and elected by secret ballot Ms Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen (Norway, EPP/CD) rapporteur on "Media freedom in sport" ([Doc. 16036](#)), to replace Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
- **Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*): considered an information memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Joëlle Farchy, Professor of Information and Communication Sciences at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, specialist in the economics of cultural industries and co-director of the [PcEn Chair \(Cultural Pluralism and Digital Ethics\)](#); and Mr Edmund Misson, Head of the Innovation and Measuring Progress Division, Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD, Paris;
- **Preserving European rural culture and heritage** (*Rapporteur: Ms Zeynep Yildiz, Türkiye, NR*): held an exchange of views with Mr Pascal Liévaux, Senior officer, Department for Research, Valorisation and Intangible Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture, France; Mr Rui Gomes, Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, Council of Europe, Luxembourg; and Ms Simona Messina, Executive Secretary of Transhumance Trail, Italy;
- **Terms of Reference of the General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport**: decided to propose to the Bureau the removal of the terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport, in accordance with the procedure applicable to the creation of such mandates, and by analogy with Article 50.7 of the Assembly Rules of procedure;
- **Committee work programme:**
 - *Appointment of representatives*: appointed,
 - at no cost to the Assembly:
 - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), in her capacity as rapporteur on "Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence", to participate in the Inter-Parliamentary Union 152nd Assembly, to be held in Istanbul, Türkiye, from 15 to 19 April 2026;
 - Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), in his capacity as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values, to participate in the Assembly of European Heritage Days National Coordinators, to be held in Bern, Switzerland, on 19 and 20 May 2026, and in the EMYA 2026 Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony, to be held in Bilbao, Spain, from 11 to 13 June 2026;
 - subject to the availability of funds:
 - Ms Zeynep Yildiz (Türkiye, NR), in her capacity as representative of the committee to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), to participate in the ECRI 100th Plenary meeting, to be held in Strasbourg on 18 and 19 March 2026;
 - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), in her capacity as representative of the committee for the Council of Europe Museum Prize, to participate in the EMYA 2026 Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony, to be held in Bilbao, Spain, from 11 to 13 June 2026;
 - *Committee representation*: appointed, for the approval by the Bureau of the Assembly, Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE) as representative to the Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include the representative role, within the relevant deadline;
- **Sub-Committees**: approved the following change in the composition of the *Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values*: Mr Pavlo Sushko (Ukraine, ECPA), who was Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova's alternate, becomes full member;

- **Other business:** was informed by the head of the Secretariat on the progress of preparations for the committee meeting to be held in Istanbul on 2 and 3 June 2026;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 20 – 24 April 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - 2 – 3 June 2026, Istanbul, Türkiye,
 - Strasbourg, 22 – 26 June 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Strasbourg, 28 September – 2 October 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Paris, 13 October 2026,
 - Paris, 2 December 2026.

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