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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Copenhagen on 27 and 28 May 2024

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in Copenhagen on Monday 27 May 2024 from 9 am to 5 pm, and on Tuesday 28 May 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm, with Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD) in the chair,

**Monday 27 May 2024 from 9 am to 5 pm**, as regards:

- ***Opening of the meeting:***
  - heard opening statements by Mr Jakob Engel-Schmidt, Danish Minister for Culture, Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), Head of the Danish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), and Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media,
  - agreed to a request from Mr Ričards Šlesers (Latvia, NR) to film the hearing on “Risks and opportunities of the Metaverse” to produce a short video in co-operation with the rapporteur,
  - welcomed Mr Indrek Saar (Estonia) and Mr Didier Reynders (Belgium), candidates for the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and agreed to open the meeting to the public so that they, as well as all the experts and accompanying persons present in the room, could attend the meeting as observers;
- ***Propaganda and freedom of information in Europe (Rapporteur: to be appointed)***  
and
- ***Public regulation of the freedom of expression on digital platforms (Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE):***
  - appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) rapporteur on “Propaganda and freedom of information in Europe”, to replace Ms Tonia Antoniazzi who resigned, and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
  - considered a preliminary draft report on “Propaganda and freedom of information in Europe”,
  - considered an introductory memorandum on “Public regulation of the freedom of expression on digital platforms”,
  - held a hearing with the participation of Mr Lubos Kuklis, Digital Services Act (DSA) team, European Commission, Brussels; Mr Jack Goodman, BBC, United Kingdom; and Mr Christian Hannibal, Head of Public Policy, Tik Tok, Denmark;
- ***Risks and opportunities of the Metaverse (Rapporteur: Mr Andi-Lucian Cristea, Romania, SOC):*** considered a preliminary draft report and held a hearing with the participation of Mr Mikael Bomholt, Head of Division for International Affairs, Ministry of Digital Government and Gender Equality, Denmark; Mr Børn Bedsted, Democracy X (formerly Danish Board of Technology - DBT), Denmark; and Ms Molly Leshner, Head of the Digital Policy, Economics, and Measurement Unit at the Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD;

- **Committee work programme**

**References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs for report:**

- appointed:
  - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE) rapporteur on *Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence*, and
  - Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC) rapporteur on *Socialising at schools: for an inclusive education fostering democratic values*,and heard their declarations of absence of conflict of interests;
- took note that the draft motion on *Addressing youth participation and economic challenges* should be taken into account in the preparation of the report on *The role of youth in revitalising democracy*;

**Reporting back on participation in meetings:** heard from:

- Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), Rapporteur on *Cultural heritage and climate change*, about his participation in an EPICO project seminar on 4 and 5 April 2024, in Chantilly and Versailles, France,
- Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future, about her participation in an online meeting of the *Council of Europe Youth Advisory Council*, on 8 April 2024, and in the *Roundtable on democratic values on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe*, on 7 May 2024 in Kyiv, Ukraine,
- Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC) about her participation in the *EMYA2024 Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony*, from 3 to 4 May 2024 in Portimão, Portugal, and in the *12th European Remembrance Symposium* on 21-24 May 2024, in Warsaw, Poland;

**Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events:** approved the online participation of Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC), as committee representative to Europa Nostra, in the European Heritage Hub's first 'Heritage Dialogues' webinar on *Democracy and Inclusion* in Europe on 11 June 2024, with no cost to the Assembly;

**Sub-committees:** took note that the UK Delegation to PACE had invited the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society to meet in Edinburgh on 9 September 2024 and decided to ask the PACE Bureau's authorisation to hold this meeting;

- **Communication from the Chairperson of the Committee:**

took note

- that the deadline for the call for nominations for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2024 had been extended to 30 June 2024,
  - of the interest of Ms Mia Karamehić-Abazović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR), Ms Catia Polidori (Italy, EPP/CD) Ms Eka Sepashvili (Georgia, EC/DA), Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), and Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE), in being designated members of the *Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau for PACE participation in the Council of Europe Parliamentary Conference on "Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport" on 4-5 November 2024, in Athens, Greece,
  - of the interest of Ms Seda Gören Bölük (Türkiye, NR) and Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) in being designated members of the *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, France;
- **Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities** (*Rapporteur: Mr Kim Valentin, Denmark, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum and held a hearing on *Gender equality in sport* with the participation of Ms Charlotte Girard-Fabre, Secretary General of the International Federation for Sports Officials (IFSO); and Chairperson of the EPAS Consultative Committee, Council of Europe; Ms Nagin Ravand, UEFA licensed football coach, GLOBAL, Denmark; and Ms Annaliza Tsakona, FIFA International Relations & Public Affairs;

- ***Olympic Movement and peacekeeping: is sport neutrality serving sport values?*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Denisa Elena Neagu, Romania, ALDE*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Hans Natorp, President of the Danish Sports Confederation, Denmark; Mr Jörg Krieger, Associate Professor, Chair of the Sport & Society Research Network, Department of Public Health, Aarhus University, Denmark; and Mr Antonio Di Marco, Teaching Professor of European Union Law, University of Strasbourg, France;
- ***Towards a Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport***: considered the proposal to launch a Parliamentary Alliance, decided to send a questionnaire to all PACE members, in order to verify their interest in this proposal, and asked the Chairperson to inform the PACE Bureau of this project;

**Tuesday 28 May 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm**, as regards:

- ***Culture and education: partnerships between cultural institutions, artists and schools to enhance young people's competences for democratic culture***: held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Kasper Holten, Director of the Royal Danish Theatre, and Mr Søren Bak-Jensen, Director of The Workers Museum, Denmark, Winner of the 2023 Council of Europe Museum Prize;
- ***The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martinez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Carlos Gimeno Gurpegui, Minister of Education of Navarra, Spain; Ms Ana Olló Hualde, 2nd Vice-President and Minister for Memory and Living Together, Navarra, Spain; and Ms Almasa Salihović, Public Relations Officer, Memorial Center Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- ***European responses to new and emerging threats to journalism***: held a hearing organised in co-operation with the partners of the Council of Europe Platform for the Safety of Journalists, with the participation of Mr Ricardo Gutiérrez, General Secretary, European Federation of Journalists, Belgium; Mr Scott Griffen, Deputy Director, International Press Institute, Austria; Ms Maria Ordzhonikidze, Director, Justice for Journalists Foundation, United Kingdom; Ms Irina Dolinina, Journalist iStories, Czechia; and Ms Tine Johansen, President of The Danish Union of Journalists, Denmark;
- ***Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace***: (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with the online participation of Mr Andriy Kostin, Prosecutor General, Ukraine; took note of the explanatory memorandum and then unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, thereby approving the report;
- ***Media freedom in sport***: held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Jens Sejer Andersen, International Director, Play the Game, Denmark; and Mr Andrew Moger, Chief Executive Officer of News Media Coalition, United Kingdom;
- ***Other business***:
  - Ms Zeynep Yildiz (Türkiye, NR) expressed her gratitude to committee members from Ireland, Norway and Spain, following their governments' recognition of a Palestinian State,
  - Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL) drew attention to the situation of Hagia Sophia and the Chora Monastery, registered UNESCO World Heritage Sites that have been converted into mosques in July 2020 and May 2024 respectively, and she called on the committee to resume its consideration of this issue;
- ***Next meetings***: took note that the next committee meeting will be held during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of the Assembly, on 24-28 June 2024, in Strasbourg.

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly  
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