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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 23 March 2023

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in Paris from 9 am to 12.30 pm and from 2 pm to 4.30 pm, with Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) in the chair,

9 am – 12.30 pm, as regards:

- **Minutes:** approved the minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 23, 24, 25 and 26 January 2023;
- **Declaration of absence of conflict of interests:** heard the declaration of absence of conflict of interests by Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), substitute to the Europa Nostra - Pan-European Federation for Heritage;
- **The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nina Kasimati, Greece, UEL*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Diego Blázquez Martin, Director General for Democratic Memory, Spain;
- **Risks and opportunities of the Metaverse** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andi Lucian Cristea, Romania, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Patrick Penninckx, Head of Department, Information Society, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe, and Ms Verity McIntosh, researcher and senior lecturer in virtual and extended realities at the University of the West of England, Bristol, member of the Digital Cultures Research Centre, United Kingdom; agreed with the rapporteur's proposal to organise a follow-up hearing on 1 June 2023 in London, with the participation of tech industry representatives;

2 pm – 4.30 pm, as regards:

- **Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Oleksander Tkachenko, Minister for Culture and Information Policy, Ukraine (online) and Ms Krista Pikkat, Director of the Culture and Emergencies Entity, UNESCO, France;
- **Cultural heritage and climate change** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andries Gryffroy, Belgium, NR*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers and follow-up by the committee:**
 - considered the analysis of the reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc 15589](#)) to the [Recommendation 2217 \(2021\)](#) "The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on education and culture" and approved the proposals for follow-up therein;
 - considered the analysis of the reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc 15644](#)) to the [Recommendation 2224 \(2022\)](#) "The Observatory on history teaching in Europe" and approved the proposals for follow-up therein;

- **Declaration of absence of conflict of interests:** heard the declaration of absence of conflict of interests of Ms Maria-Gabriela Horga (Romania, EPP/CD), substitute to the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity - North-South Centre;
- **Committee work programme**

References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs: appointed:

- Ms Catarina Ferreira Rocha (Portugal, EPP/CD) rapporteur on *Public regulation of the freedom of expression in digital platforms* (Doc. 15555) and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- Ms Denisa Elena Neagu (Romania, ALDE) rapporteur on *Excluding the athletes and officials of the Russian Federation and Belarus from participating in the international Olympic movement* (Doc. 15721), subject to her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events:

- appointed, subject to the availability of funds, Mr Andries Gryffroy, Rapporteur on “The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue”, to participate in the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes on 10-11 May in Luxembourg and in the Annual Forum of the Cultural Routes in Lodz, Poland on 20-22 September 2023;
- designated, at no cost to the Assembly, Ms Tonia Antoniazzi (United Kingdom, SOC) and Ms Eka Sepashvili (Georgia, EC/DA) for appointment by the Bureau as members of the ad hoc Committee to participate in OECD Global Parliamentary Network, which will meet in Paris on 4-5 April 2023;

Requests or information from rapporteurs: upon the request by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), General Rapporteur on media freedom and safety of journalists, agreed to ask the Bureau to set up an *ad hoc* Committee for PACE participation in the launch of the Council of Europe campaign for the Safety of Journalists (Riga, 5-6 October 2023);

Reports on recent meetings: heard from Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) about his participation, on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the OSCE's first Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) in 2023, held in Vienna on 13-14 March 2023, on the topic of *Media Freedom as a Central Pillar of Comprehensive Security*;

Draft motions for a resolution:

- took note of a draft motion for a resolution on Protecting human rights in sport: obligations and shared responsibilities, presented by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC); in the absence of the quorum required to table it, expressed support for this motion, agreed that Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE) should be the first signatory and encouraged members to sign it; agreed with Lord Foulkes' proposal to organise a high-level hearing on 1 June 2023 in London, to consider FIFA's proposal to establish a Safe Sport Entity;
- took note of a draft motion for a resolution on The role of youth for revitalising democracy, presented by the Chairperson of the Committee, and decided to postpone until April its consideration of the draft motion to ensure proper coordination with the report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on Establishment of a “youth partner” status with the Parliamentary Assembly and the opinion of the Committee currently under preparation by Ms Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC);

Sub-committees: heard from Ms Luz Martinez Seijo, Vice Chairperson of the Sub-committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage, about the recent meeting in Olympia, Greece, and took note of her proposal to invite the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage and the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport to meet in Spain in 2024;

- **Composition of the Sub-committees:** approved the following changes:

Sub-committee on Education, Youth and Sport:

- Mr José María Sánchez García (Spain, EC/DA) becomes the alternate of Ms Luz Martinez Seijo;

Sub-committee on Media and Information Society:

- Mr David Smoljak (Czech Republic, EPP/CD) becomes full member;
- **Communications from the Chairperson of the committee:** was informed by the Chairperson about a letter she had received from Mr Samad Seyidov, Chairperson of the Azerbaijani Delegation, concerning damages to cultural heritage in the region of Nagorno-Karabakh, which she would consider as Rapporteur on “*Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace*”;
- **Next meetings:** decided on the forthcoming meetings of the committee as follows:

2nd part-session 2023 (24-28 April 2023)
1-2 June 2023, United Kingdom
3rd part-session 2023 (19-23 June 2023)
4th part-session 2023 (9-13 October 2023)
4-5 December 2023, Paris

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