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

Revised synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 10 and 12 October 2023

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in Strasbourg on Tuesday 10 October 2023 from 8.30 am to 10.30 am, and on Thursday 12 October 2023 from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL) in the chair,

Tuesday 10 October 2023 from 8.30 am to 10.30 am, as regards:

- **Minutes**

- approved the minutes of the meeting held in London on 1 June 2023;
- approval and declassified the addendum of the minutes of the hearing on “Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities”;
- approved the minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 19, 20 and 22 June 2023;
- approved and declassified the minutes of the joint public hearing on “SLAPPs as a threat to media pluralism and measures implemented to counteract them” with the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe held in Strasbourg on 20 June 2023.

- **Committee representation:** designated Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) as representative to the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, subject to her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

- **Countering SLAPPs: an imperative for a democratic society** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): took note of the explanatory memorandum, then unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, thereby approving the report;

- **Strengthening a youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*Rapporteur: Mr Anastasios Chatzivasileiou, Greece, EPP/CD*):

- took note of the change of title of the report by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy (which was previously “Establishment of a “youth partnership” status with the Parliamentary Assembly”);
- appointed Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), in her absence, rapporteur for opinion to replace Ms Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC), subject to her declaration of absence of conflict of interests; agreed that Ms Fiona O’Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport, would present the opinion;
- unanimously adopted an opinion of the committee and tabled ten amendments to the draft resolution presented by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy;

- **Cultural heritage and climate change** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andries Gryffroy, Belgium, NR*): considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with Mr Tero Mustonen (*online*), Professor of human geography, Finland, and lead author of the 6th assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC);

- **Guaranteeing media freedom and the safety of journalists: an obligation of member States** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Committee work programme**

References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs: appointed Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC) rapporteur on “The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship” (Doc. 15471) to replace Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL), and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

Reports on recent meetings: heard from:

- Mr Mogens Jensen about his participation in the Conference on “The Pen is Mightier than the Sword? Meeting today’s challenges to freedom of expression and the safety of journalists”, and the follow-up to the launch of the Council of Europe Campaign for the safety of journalists, on 5-6 October 2023, Riga, Latvia;
- Mr Andries Gryffroy about his participation in the Cultural Routes Annual Advisory Forum, on 20-22 September 2023 in Lodz, Poland;

Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events:

- took note that the Chairperson had appointed, subject to the availability of funds, Mr Stefan Schennach, Rapporteur on “Countering SLAPPs: An Imperative for a Democratic Society” to participate in the 4th and last meeting of the Committee of Experts on Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation (MSI-SLP) on 17-18 October 2023 in Strasbourg, France;
- proposed Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in a Conference “Money and Democracy – an Uneasy Relationship”, on 7-8 December 2023, Cologne, Germany;
- approved, subject to the availability of funds, the participation of Mr Andries Gryffroy, Rapporteur on “Cultural heritage and climate change”, in the meeting of the EPICO project on 14-15 December 2023 in Versailles, France;

Thursday 12 October 2023 from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, as regards:

- **Risks and opportunities of the Metaverse** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andi-Lucian Cristea, Romania, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ambassador Aloisia Wörgetter, Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), Council of Europe; agreed that the exchange of views could be filmed and published on YouTube by Mr Ričards Šlesers (Latvia, NR); and declassified an introductory memorandum;
- **Excluding the athletes and officials of the Russian Federation and Belarus from participating in the international Olympic movement** (*Rapporteur: Ms Denisa Elena Neagu, Romania, ALDE*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and approved the rapporteur’s request to change the title to “Olympic movement and peacekeeping: is sport neutrality serving sport values?”;
- **Propaganda and freedom of speech in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tonia Antoniazzi, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Committee work programme**

Reports on recent meetings: heard from Mr Andi-Lucian Cristea about his participation in the Committee of Ministers informal exchange of views on “The impact of immersive realities on human rights, rule of law and democracy”, on 14 September 2023, in Strasbourg, France;

Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events: approved, subject to the availability of funds, the participation of Ms Denisa Elena Neagu (Romania, ALDE), rapporteur on “Olympic movement and peacekeeping: is sport neutrality serving sport values?”, and Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE), rapporteur on “Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities”, in a visit to the International Olympic Committee Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland;

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

Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage

- Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) became full member;
- Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) became the alternate of Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos;
- Ms Seda Gören Bölük (Türkiye, NR) became full member;
- Ms Aysu Bankoğlu (Türkiye, SOC) became full member;

Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport

- Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) became full member;
- Ms Anna Efthymiou (Greece, EPP/CD) became the alternate of Mr George Papandreou;
- Mr Mehmet Akalin (Türkiye, ALDE) became full member;

Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society

- Ms Liana Kanelli (Greece, UEL) became full member;
- Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) became the alternate of Ms Liana Kanelli;
- Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR) became full member;
- Ms Aysu Bankoğlu (Türkiye, SOC) became the alternate of Ms Zeynep Yıldız;

- **Communication from the Chairperson of the Committee:** took note of the invitation from Mr Mogens Jensen, Head of the Danish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, to hold a committee meeting at the Parliament of Denmark in Copenhagen, on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 May 2024; thanked Mr Jensen and agreed to the organisation of this meeting, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly;

- **Next meeting:** confirmed that the next committee meeting will be held on 4-5 December 2023 in Paris.

Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events: Mr José María Sánchez García (Spain, EC/DA) expressed his interest in becoming a member of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in a Conference “Money and Democracy – an Uneasy Relationship”, 7-8 December 2023, Cologne, Germany, subject to the availability of places.

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