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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 19, 20 and 22 June 2023

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday 19 June 2023 from 1 pm to 2 pm, on Tuesday 20 June 2023 from 11 am to 12.30 pm and on Thursday 22 June 2023 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, with Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) in the chair,

Monday 19 June 2023 from 1 pm to 2 pm, as regards:

- **Minutes:** approved and declassified the separate minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 25 and 27 April 2023, on:
 - Hearing on “Excluding the athletes and officials of the Russian Federation and Belarus from participating in the international Olympic movement”;
 - Joint hearing on “Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan”;
- **Debate under urgent procedure: War of aggression against Ukraine – Participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in the Paris 2024 Olympics?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland, Norway, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe; approved the rapporteur’s request to change the title to **War of aggression against Ukraine – Participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in the Paris 2024 Olympics and the Paralympics?**; took note of the explanatory memorandum, then unanimously adopted a draft resolution, thereby approving the report;

Tuesday 20 June 2023 from 11 am to 12.30 pm, as regards:

- **SLAPPs as a threat to media pluralism and measures implemented to counteract them:** held a joint public hearing with the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), with the participation of Mr Pier Luigi Parcu, Director, Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom, European University Institute, Florence, Italy; Ms Giulia Lucchese, Media and Internet Governance Division, Information Society Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe; Mr Stefan Schennach, rapporteur on “Countering SLAPPs: an imperative for a democratic society”, Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media;

Thursday 22 June 2023 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, as regards:

- **Debate under urgent procedure: War of aggression against Ukraine – Participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in the Paris 2024 Olympics and the Paralympics?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland, Norway, EPP/CD*): considered 3 amendments to the draft resolution, and adopted unanimously and tabled 1 oral amendment, following a proposal by the Rapporteur;

- **Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace** (Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE)

and

- **Online education and special education needs of children with disabilities and learning difficulties** (Rapporteur: Mr Pavlo Sushko, Ukraine, EC/DA):

held a public hearing with the online participation of Mr Sergii Gorbachov, Education Ombudsman, Ukraine; Mr Viktor Pandalchuk, Principal of Kakhovka's secondary school №1, Kherson region, Ukraine; Ms Lesia Prokhorenko, Director of Mykola Yarmachenko Institute for Special Pedagogy and Psychology, NAPS of Ukraine; and Ms Oksana Yakymiv, Director of the Vygoda Special School of the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Council, Ukraine;

- **Committee work programme**

References to the committee and appointment of rapporteurs:

- appointed Ms Sona Ghazaryan (Armenia, ALDE) rapporteur on *The role of youth in revitalising democracy* and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- took note that Ms Luz Martinez Seijo would prepare a new draft motion for resolution to replace the one on *Socialising at schools, a means for students' well-being* after the 26th session of the *Standing Conference of Ministers of Education*, with a view to focusing on the follow-up to the Reykjavik Declaration of May 2023 "*United around our values*", as well as on the upcoming work of the Ministers of Education;

Reports on recent meetings: heard from:

- Mr Constantinos Efstathiou about his participation in the European Museum of the Year Award (EMYA) Ceremony (4-6 May in Barcelona);
- Ms Fiona O'Loughlin about her participation as Chairperson of the Sub-committee on Education, Youth and Sport, in *The Global Forum for Inclusion – Partnering for Action*, during the Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023 (17-18 June 2023, Berlin);
- Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) about her online participation in the Conference on the Council of Europe Nicosia Convention: a criminal justice response to offences relating to cultural property (15-16 June, Riga);

Appointment of representatives for forthcoming events:

- proposed Ms Ester Mieli (Italy, EC/DA) and Ms Catia Polidori (Italy, EPP/CD) as members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in a Side Event "Decent work: building a sustainable future" to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (14 July 2023, United Nations Headquarters, New York); took note of the change of date from 18 July to 14 July and that Ms Eka Sepashvili (Georgia, EC/DA), who had previously been nominated, had been proposed by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;
- proposed Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE) and Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) as members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the launch of the *Council of Europe Campaign for Safety of Journalists* (5-6 October 2023, Riga);
- proposed Ms Mia Karamelic Abazovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR) and Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL) as members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the *World Forum for Democracy on "Democracy = Peace?"* (6-8 November 2023, Strasbourg);

approved, subject to the availability of funds, the participation of:

- Mr Andi-Lucian Cristea, as Rapporteur on *Risks and opportunities of the Metaverse*, in the Informal meeting of the Committee of Ministers *Human Rights and the societal impact of post-social media technologies* (14 September 2023, Strasbourg);
- Ms Fiona O'Loughlin, as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport, in the 26th Session of the *Council of Europe Standing Conference of Ministers of Education* (28-29 September 2023, Strasbourg);

Requests or information from rapporteurs: approved the request from Mr Pavlo Sushko (Ukraine, EC/DA), Rapporteur on *Online education and special education needs of children with disabilities and learning difficulties*, to seek the assistance of an expert in the preparation of his report;

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

Sub-committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage:

- Mr Salomó Benchluch (Andorra, ALDE) becomes a full member
- Ms Mia Karamehic Abazovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR) becomes a full member

Sub-committee on Education, Youth and Sport:

- Mr Salomó Benchluch (Andorra, ALDE) becomes a full member

Sub-committee on Media and Information Society:

- Ms Mia Karamehic-Abazovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR) becomes a full member

- **Next meetings**

decided on the forthcoming meetings of the committee as follows:

4th part-session 2023 (9-13 October 2023, Strasbourg)
4-5 December 2023, Paris

Roberto Fasino, Dana Karanjac, Silvia Arzilli

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
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