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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 23, 24 and 25 January 2024

The **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, meeting in Strasbourg on Tuesday 23 January 2024 from 8.30 am to 9.30 am, Wednesday 24 January 2024, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, and on Thursday 25 January 2024 from 8.30 am to 9.45 am, with Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), the oldest member present, Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson, then Mr Birgir Thórarinnsson (Iceland, EPP/CD), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson, in the chair,

**Tuesday, 23 January from 8.30 am to 9.30 am**, as regards:

- ***Election of the Bureau of the committee***: elected by acclamation:
  - Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson,
  - Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson,
  - Mr Birgir Thórarinnsson (Iceland, EPP/CD), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson,
  - Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairperson;

***Draft motions for resolutions and recommendations***:

renewed its support for two motions for a resolution on:

- *Socialising at schools: for an inclusive education fostering democratic values*, presented by Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC),
- *Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence*, presented by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC);

and took note that they would be tabled during the part-session;

- ***Appointment of General Rapporteurs***: appointed:
  - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE) as General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, subject to her declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
  - Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) as General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

- ***Assembly's institutional representation***: designated, for their appointment by the Bureau of the Assembly, the following representatives to the:

**European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity - North-South Centre**:

- Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) as representative, subject to her declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
- Ms Eka Sepashvili (Georgia, EC/DA) as substitute and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

European Commission against Racism and Intolerance – ECRI:

- Ms Mia Karamehić-Abazović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR) as representative and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art (C-ART):

- Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) as representative, subject to his declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
- Mr David Morris (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as representative and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

Europa Nostra - Pan-European Federation for Heritage:

Due to multiple expressions of interest, the committee postponed the vote to its next meeting on 21 March 2024;

Committee of the Parties of the Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property:

- Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as representative and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Committee representation:** designated to the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment:
- Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) as representative and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

**Sub-committees:** reconstituted its three sub-committees in accordance with their new terms of reference as follows:

- Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values,
  - Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future,
  - Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society;
- and approved their composition (see appendix);
- **Propaganda and freedom of information in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tonia Antoniazzi, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an expert report and held an exchange of views with Ms Veronika Bilkova, Vice-President of the Venice Commission, Head of the Department of International Law, Faculty of Law of the Charles University, Czechia;

**Wednesday 24 January 2024, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm;** as regards:

- **Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered an expert report and held a joint hearing with the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) with the participation of:
- Ms Alena Makouskaya, member of the Council of Europe Contact Group on Co-operation with Representatives of Belarusian democratic forces and civil society, Co-ordinator of civic cultural campaign “Let us be Belarusians” (Budzma Belarusami),
  - Ms Yuliia Fediv, Culture and Media Manager, member of the NGO “Coalition for Culture”, UNESCO and EU Commission consultant on cultural policymaking reform in Ukraine,
  - Mr Robert Pickard, expert in cultural heritage law, United Kingdom (online);

**Thursday 25 January from 8.30 am to 9.45 am,** as regards:

- **Countering SLAPPs: an imperative for a democratic society** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): took a position on 12 amendments to the draft resolution;

- **Guaranteeing media freedom and the safety of journalists: an obligation of member States** (Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC): took a position on 3 amendments to the draft resolution;

- **Committee work programme**

**Declaration of absence of conflict of interests:** heard declarations of absence of conflict of interests from:

- Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists,
- Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), representative to the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity - North-South Centre,
- Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), representative to the Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art (C-ART);

**Requests or information from rapporteurs:** at the request of the Rapporteur, Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC), decided to ask the bureau for an extension of the reference for the preparation of her report on “*The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship*” until the end of 2024;

- **Appointment of General Rapporteurs:** appointed:

- Mr Andi-Lucian Cristea (Romania, SOC) as General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

- **Priorities of the committee in 2024:** considered an information note and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Tamar Taliashvili, Permanent Representative of Georgia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment (GR-C);

- **Communication from the Chairperson of the Committee:** took note of an information document on Gender equality in the functioning of the Assembly;

- **Next meetings**

decided on its forthcoming meetings as follows:

- 21 March 2024, Paris
- 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session 2024 (15-19 April)
- 27-28 May 2024, Copenhagen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2024 (24-28 June)
- 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2024 (30 September-4 October)
- 3-4 December 2024, Paris

Roberto Fasino, Dana Karanjac, Silvia Arzilli, Marc Gruber

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**Appendix**

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**Sous-commission de la culture, de l'éducation et des valeurs démocratiques**  
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