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SYNOPSIS
OF THE MEETING OF 27 JANUARY 2009

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CULTURE, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. The Culture, Science and Education Committee of the Conference of INGOs met in Strasbourg on 27 January 2009, with Edouard Jagodnik, of the European Federation of Schools (FEDE), in the chair, assisted by Sabine Rohmann, of the Robert Schuman Institute for Europe (IRSE), vice-chair. The chair, after welcoming the large number of participants, announced that the committee was now effectively getting down to work, said that organisation of the working groups was not yet perfect and was still changing, expressed the hope that participation would be balanced between the countries from western and eastern Europe and that the work done would be as thorough as possible on the basis of competence and expertise, and opened the meeting at 9.15 a.m.
2. The committee **adopted** the meeting agenda without amendment.
3. The committee, after hearing and taking account of several observations and corrections, **adopted** the synopsis drawn up after the meeting of 3 October 2008.
4. **Organisation of the committee's work**

The committee:

- **heard** a long presentation by the chair of proposals for the organisation of work within the committee, with particular reference to the three main centres of interest for which responsibility was held by, respectively, Sabine Rohmann (education), Nina Belyaeva (science) and Edouard Jagodnik (culture), and for meeting arrangements;
- **noted** that instructions from the Standing Committee still had to be awaited for the proposed arrangements for functioning through official sub-committees.

NB: Because of the long intervals between sessions, contacts and exchanges within the committee would mainly be based on the use of the Internet and on the information placed on the INGO website. Also mentioned were tools such as videoconferencing, MSN/Skype and the setting up of a forum. Members were invited to give their e-mail addresses. ORT would continue to provide support for the committee's publications.

5. Communication with Council of Europe officials

The committee

- **heard** about the way in which the chair was going to develop relations with the Council of Europe officials with political and institutional responsibilities, the purpose of such meetings being mainly to obtain information about the progress of the work being done, to find out about current centres of interest and, if possible, to set up working groups on these subjects in order to participate in the discussions under way at the Council of Europe, and to pass on proposals or concerns on which the committee's INGOs had decided to focus. In the context of this relationship, the chair and vice-chair proposed to meet the main departments between sessions and to invite one of the officials for half an hour during each session. The chair also confirmed that the committee would be represented at meetings of the Council of Europe's main steering committees relating to the subjects on which it was working.

NB: Among the centres of interest on which work was being done (Ms Olafsdottir's department) were: human rights training for teachers, the organisation of human rights partnerships between INGOs and local authorities, and the right to high-quality education.

NB: After paying tribute to the work done by the former Education and Culture Grouping, and particularly the personal commitment of its leader, Alain Mouchoux, the chair expressed the wish for the experience accumulated to be carefully preserved and built on. He invited Alain Mouchoux to take part in co-operation which would be productive.

Hearing of Mr Alexander Bartling (Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Culture and Education Committee)

Mr Alexander Bartling **stated** that the Congress comprised 318 elected representatives from 47 countries; he said that the 200,000 local and regional authorities which it represented were an asset to Europe, and he would endeavour to encourage productive exchanges between the two pillars. In very practical terms, he referred to 10 or so of the subjects dealt with by the Congress (a copy would go to the committee chair), in respect of which he invited contributions and feedback on good practice. The chair took note of this excellent spirit of co-operation and proposed that the subjects referred to be included in the work programme as soon as possible.

6. **Selection of priority working groups created by the Committee:** On the initiative of the committee chair, the INGOs had been invited, during the month of January 2009, to forward and notify the subjects on which they would like working groups to be set up within the three branches: education, science and culture. Some 15 ad hoc forms had been circulated so that members could indicate their intention to participate. There was still time for them to do so. The very number of subjects excluded the possibility of all the work being done simultaneously, which might well lead to dispersion and a degree of inefficiency; it would not therefore be possible for so many sub-groups to be set up.

The committee:

- **listened to what was said and agreed** on the adoption of major "families" of subjects which should if possible themselves be incorporated into general themes;
- **would await**, where the organisation of its working method was concerned, the opinion which the Standing Committee would be asked to give (cf. item 4);
- **nevertheless expressed** the wish that none of the proposed subjects should be dropped or rejected, even if this meant adding them to one or more of the

broader themes, as set out by the members responsible for education, science and culture respectively.

7/8/9. Meetings of the Culture, Education and Science sub-committees

- **expressed regret** that lack of time during the allotted period for the meeting meant that these three agenda items had not been able to be dealt with.

10. Conclusions

The meeting was closed at 12.30 p.m.

The next session of the Conference of INGOs would take place from 27 to 29 April 2009.

The date of the committee's meeting had not yet been set.

Secretary/Rapporteur: G. Bernard Krantz

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Members of the Standing Committee
Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of External Relations
Director of Strategic Planning
Director of Communication
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights

NB: Working groups set up and persons responsible (See appendix)

**COMMISSION CULTURE, SCIENCE ET EDUCATION
CULTURE, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**LES GROUPES DE TRAVAIL ET LEURS RESPONSABLES
THE WORKING GROUPS AND THEIR PERSONS IN CHARGE**

- Président / President : Edouard Jagodnik
- Vice-présidente /Vice- Chair : Sabine Rohmann

- Secrétaire/Secretary : Bernard Krantz
- Traducteur/Translator : James Barnett
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- Ancien Président/Past Président : Alain Mouchoux
- Publications : J.H. Léopold Metzger

**Représentation aux comités directeurs du Conseil de l'Europe/
Participants to steering committees – 2009 Council of Europe:**

- Education : Edouard Jagodnik, Alain Mouchoux
- Enseignement supérieur et recherche
/ Higher education and research : Edouard Jagodnik, Jean-Claude Gonon
- Culture : Edouard Jagodnik

<u>SOUS-COMMISSION EDUCATION/ SUB-COMMITTEE EDUCATION</u>	Groupes de travail/Working groups :	Responsable/ Person in charge:
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	L'enseignement multi-perspectif de l'histoire – Multi-perspective education of history	Jean Philippe Durrenberger, EAICY, jpodurren@free.net
	Le métier de l'enseignant dans le XXIe siècle – Teachers profession in the 21st Century	Sabine Rohmann, IRSE, sabine@rohmann-trier.de
	Organisation de l'enseignement supérieur en Europe –Higher education organization in Europe	Edouard Jagodnik, FEDE, ejagodnik@fedee.org
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