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¹ Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES - PUBLIC DEBATES

(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

6. Reinforcing the contribution of the cultural and creative sectors, including cultural heritage, to the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy

- Policy debate

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On the basis of the question paper prepared by the Presidency (see doc. 14752/14), the Council held a policy debate on the above topic. Ministers underlined the important role of the cultural and creative sectors as drivers of growth and employment in the EU, and of cultural heritage as a key component of Europe's tourism industry. The significant role of these sectors in the development of key skills linked to creativity and innovation was highlighted. A number of delegations stressed that Europe's rich cultural heritage, and the dynamic and thriving cultural and creative sectors built upon it, provided the EU with a competitive advantage in the global economy. There were differing views on the extent to which the cultural and creative sectors should be part of the formal Europe 2020 processes.

8. Sport and physical activity at school age

- Policy debate

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Ministers discussed concrete measures to promote sport and physical activity at school age on the basis of the question paper prepared by the Presidency (see doc. 14956/1/14 REV 1).

Most delegations acknowledged that there is a decline in rates of sport and physical activity in school age children, in particular among teenagers and girls. Possible causes include the lack of appropriate facilities and open spaces and competition from computer games, internet and television.

Among the policy initiatives and possible solutions proposed by delegations to combat this negative trend, the following were highlighted:

- increased cooperation between schools and sport associations;
- the role of parents and top athletes as role models;
- new and innovative practices for physical education classes; and
- the role of major sporting events to inspire young people to participate in sport and physical activity.