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Final Declaration and Resolution

- Executive Summary -

We, the European regional ministers and political heads of education, culture and media departments, representing the views and interests of our citizens

- believe that GATS does concern public services in the fields of education, culture and media
- believe that GATS carries the tendency of the precedence of commercial priority over democratically agreed quality
- are concerned with the implications of GATS as we are democratically accountable providers of public services in education, culture and media
- assert that these services should be available to our citizens on the basis of social equality, universality and high standards
- demand that we, as the democratic representatives of our citizens, be involved in all future negotiations within GATS which deal with education, culture and media issues, based on the principle of subsidiarity
- call for an international agreement for the protection of diversity in education, culture and media to include the regional dimension
- demand that democratically supported services in education, culture and media are excluded from further GATS involvement
- urge all members of the AER and leaders of other European regions to lobby their councils, their governments and the EU in pursuit of the aims of the Final Declaration and Resolution.