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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Council decision on the practical and procedural arrangements with a view to the nomination by the Council of the two members of the selection panel and the monitoring and advisory panel for the 'European Capital of Culture' Community action

- *Selection of two Member States with a view to the appointment by the Council of two experts to the selection panel*

1. In accordance with the above Council decision¹, it is necessary to select the two Member States that will recommend experts to be appointed to the panel for the period 2013 - 2015. The following procedure will be used in this regard: at Coreper on 25 April 2012, a draw will be conducted, the result of which will be confirmed by the EYCS Council of 10-11 May 2012 as an "A" item.

The two Member States thereby selected shall subsequently recommend the appointment of one expert each. On the basis of these recommendations, the Council will appoint the two experts in November 2012.

¹ OJ L 122, 11.5.2007, p. 39.

2. In a Note to Delegations of 14 March 2012, the General Secretariat of the Council invited delegations to indicate whether they wished to be considered for selection.² The following Member States responded positively to this invitation and will be included in the draw to take place at Coreper:

- Austria
 - Germany
 - Estonia
 - Greece
 - France
 - Hungary
 - Lithuania
 - Portugal
 - Slovakia
 - United Kingdom
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² Article 2(1) of the Council Decision specifies that participation is voluntary on the part of Member States, and that certain Member States are excluded from the draw to avoid a conflict of interest and the widest geographical distribution of Member States recommending experts.