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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from:	General Secretariat of the Council
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
No. prev. doc:	8309/12 CES 5
Subject:	Economic and Social Committee – Appointment of a member (AT)

1. On 21 March 2012 the Austrian Government put forward for membership of the Economic and Social Committee Dr Ferdinand MAIER in place of Mr Johann KÖLTRINGER, who had resigned ¹.
2. Under Article 302 TFEU, the Council appoints the Committee's members after consulting the Commission.
3. The Commission was consulted on the nomination on 3 April 2012 and gave a favourable opinion on it on 21 May 2012.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision set out in 10196/12 CES 11 as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
5. That Decision will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union in conformity with Article 297(2), second subparagraph TFEU.

¹ cf. doc. 8309/12.