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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From : General Secretariat of the Council
To : Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council
Subject : ***European Capital of Culture***
Appointment by the Council of two members of the selection panel and the monitoring and advisory panel for the period 2013-2015

1. Council Decision 2007/324/EC of 7 May 2007¹ sets out the practical and procedural arrangements for the appointment by the Council of two members of the selection panel and the monitoring and advisory panel for the European Capital of Culture. The two panels are established by Articles 6 and 10 of Decision No 1622/2006/EC establishing a Community action for the European Capital of Culture event for the years 2007 to 2019².
2. At its meeting of 10-11 May 2012, the Council confirmed the selection of Austria and Estonia³ as the Member States that would recommend one expert each to be appointed by the Council in accordance with Decision 2007/324/EC.

¹ OJ L 122, 11.5.2007, p. 39.

² OJ L 304, 3.11.2006, p. 1.

³ 9054/12

3. At its meeting of 2 October 2012 the Cultural Affairs Committee examined the CVs of the experts proposed by Austria and Estonia, Mr. NORBERT RIEDL and Ms. ANU KIVILO respectively, and recommended that these experts be appointed by the Council.

 4. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to appoint, as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings, the following two members to form part of the selection panel and the monitoring and advisory panel for the "European Capital of Culture" action for the period 2013-2015:
 - Mr. NORBERT RIEDL,
 - Ms. ANU KIVILO.
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