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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Conseil
Subject: Supporting the European Union Youth Orchestra
- Information from the Italian delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Italian delegation on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under 'Any Other Business' for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 30 and 31 May 2016.

Supporting the European Union Youth Orchestra

Financing the European Union Youth Orchestra has become a very important and challenging issue. This orchestra has a longstanding tradition of excellence and has represented the musical heritage of the European Union across the world, and in so many prestigious fora over the last four decades.

Very concerned about the current, difficult juncture and the concrete risk that the orchestra could not afford to carry on its activities throughout the year 2016, Italy would like to share with other Member States the information concerning the orchestra activities and its actual financial difficulties.

This would also allow us to take this opportunity for raising awareness, among the 28 Culture Ministers, of the truly historical achievements of this great artistic European ensemble, which is placed, indeed, at the very crossroads of our policies in favour of culture, youth and education.

Last but not least, this would also contribute to highlight, before the EYCS Council (Culture), the European “identitarian nature” of this orchestra and its outstanding role in promoting, through the unifying force of music, our cultural differences and the intrinsic value of the European project, also within the European Union boundaries.