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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Council Decision of 1 December 2011 on the practical and procedural arrangements for the appointment by the Council of the four members of the panel for the European Union action for the European Heritage Label (decision 2011/831/EU)  
*- Replacement of an Austrian member of the European panel*

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1. In accordance with Council Decision 2011/831/EU<sup>1</sup>, every three years the Council appoints four members of the European panel of independent experts for the European Heritage Label. On 23 November 2015 the Council appointed its four members to the European Panel for the period 2016-2018<sup>2</sup>.
2. By a letter dated 4 January 2017, Austria informed the General Secretariat of the Council that Mr Walter Putschögl, one of the four Council experts appointed, has had to resign due to health problems.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 330, 14.12.2011, p. 23.

<sup>2</sup> 13613/15

3. In the case of a member of the European panel not being able to fulfil his mandate, the Council Decision 2011/831/EU foresees in its Article 2(6) that the Member State that initially appointed that member will appoint a replacement as soon as possible, that a replacement must fulfil certain requirements<sup>3</sup> and that he or she is appointed for the remainder of the term of office of the initial member.
4. Austria has proposed to appoint as a replacement Ms Pia Leydolt. The Cultural Affairs Committee considered the candidacy of Ms Leydolt at its meeting on 6 February and concluded that all the requirements were met.
5. It is therefore suggested that the Committee of Permanent Representatives invite the Council to appoint, as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings, **Ms Pia Leydolt (Austria)** to replace Mr Walter Putschögl in category 4 (Communication and tourism) as a member of the European panel for the European Heritage Label for the remainder of the period ending in 2018.

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<sup>3</sup> The requirements are set out in Annex to the Council Decision 2011/831/EU.