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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council

Subject: Council Decision of 7 May 2007 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 (decision 2007/324/EC)
- Replacement of the Hungarian member of the panel

1. In accordance with Council Decision 2007/324/EC of 7 May 2007¹, every three years the Council appoints two members of the panel for the European Capital of Culture action. On 23 November 2015, the Council appointed two members to the panel for the period 2016-2018².
2. On 13 April 2017, Hungary informed the General Secretariat of the Council about the resignation of Mr Tamás Szalay, one of the two members appointed by the Council in 2015.
3. In case of resignation of a panel expert, Decision 2007/324/EC foresees in its Article 2(4) that the Member State that recommended the expert in question shall recommend the appointment of a replacement for the remainder of the term of office.

¹ OJ L 122, 11.5.2007, p. 39.

² 13615/15

4. Hungary has proposed to appoint Mr Tamás Fejérdy as a replacement for Mr Szalay. The Cultural Affairs Committee examined the candidacy of Mr Fejérdy and agreed that he be appointed by the Council.

 5. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council, as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings, to appoint **Mr Tamás Fejérdy (Hungary)** to replace Mr Tamás Szalay as a member of the selection panel and the monitoring and advisory panel for the European Capital of Culture action for the remaining period 2017-2018.
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