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

Subject: **European Capital of Culture action 2020 - 2033**
Appointment by the Council of three experts to the selection and monitoring panel for the period 2015-2018

1. The selection and monitoring panel is set up by Article 6 of the Decision No 445/2014/EU establishing a Union action for the European Capital of Culture 2020-2033¹. It is composed of 10 experts - three appointed by the Council, the remainder by the European Parliament, the Commission and the Committee of the Regions.
2. The Council Implementing Decision 2014/353/EU of 21 May 2014² ("the implementing decision") sets out the practical and procedural arrangements for the appointment by the Council of its three experts. In accordance with Article 4 of the decision, the Council will appoint its experts to the first panel for the years 2015 to 2018.

¹ OJ L 132, 3.5.2014, p. 1.

² OJ L 175, 14.6.2014, p. 27.

3. At its meeting of 21 October 2014, the Council confirmed the selection of Finland, Germany and Latvia³ as the Member States that would recommend one expert each to be appointed by the Council to the panel.
4. In accordance with Article 2 of the implementing decision, Finland, Germany and Latvia selected their experts from the pool of potential European experts established by the Commission. Mr Pauli SIVONEN, Mr Ulrich FUCHS and Ms Aiva ROZENBERGA were selected and recommended to be appointed to the panel.
5. At its meeting of 2 December 2014, the Cultural Affairs Committee examined the applications of the recommended experts as set out in Article 3 of the implementing decision and agreed that they be appointed by the Council.
6. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council, as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings, to appoint the following three experts to the selection and monitoring panel for the European Capital of Culture action for the period 2015-2018:
 - Mr PAULI SIVONEN,
 - Mr ULRICH FUCHS,
 - Ms AIVA ROZENBERGA.

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