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

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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 advisory panel for the 'European Capital of Culture' Community action (decision 2007/324/EC)  
*- Selection of two Member States with a view to the appointment by the Council of two experts to the panel for 2016-2018*

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1. According to the Council decision 2007/324/EC<sup>1</sup>, every three years the Council appoints two members of the selection panel and of the monitoring and advisory panel for the European Capital of Culture. The mandate of the current Council members of the panels will expire this year, hence the need for the Council to appoint two new experts for the period 2016-2018.
2. For this purpose, the procedure set out in Article 2 of Council decision 2007/324/EC will be used. It consists of a draw that is organised among Member States with a view of selecting two Member States that will recommend one expert each to the panel.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 (OJ L 122, 11.5.2007, p. 39).

3. The participation of Member States in the draw being voluntary, the General Secretariat of the Council invited<sup>2</sup> delegations to express their interest in participating in the draw. The following Member States responded positively to this invitation and will be included in the draw to take place at Coreper:
- Belgium
  - Croatia
  - Czech Republic
  - Finland
  - Germany
  - Hungary
  - Latvia
  - Lithuania
  - Poland
  - Slovakia
  - Slovenia
  - Sweden
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee assisted by the Council Legal Service, is therefore invited to conduct the draw at its meeting on 16 September. The first two Member States drawn will be considered as selected, the selection being confirmed by way of an "A" item procedure at a forthcoming Council.
5. The two Member States selected will recommend one expert each to be appointed to the European Capital of Culture panel. On the basis of these recommendations, the Council will appoint the two experts in November 2015.
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<sup>2</sup> Note to delegations of 15 June 2015.