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#### "I/A" ITEM NOTE

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

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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 monitoring and advisory panel for the 'European Capital of Culture' Community action (decision 2007/324/EC)  
*- Appointment by the Council of two members of the panel for the period 2016-2018*

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1. Council Decision 2007/324/EC of 7 May 2007<sup>1</sup> sets out the practical and procedural arrangements for the appointment by the Council of two experts to the panel for the European Capital of Culture action. Since the mandate of the current members will expire at the end of 2015, the Council needs to appoint two new members for the period 2016-2018.
2. Following a draw carried out at the meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee of 16 September 2015, the Council confirmed, at its meeting of 18 September 2015, the selection of the Czech Republic and Hungary<sup>2</sup> as the Member States that would recommend one expert each to be appointed to the panel.

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

<sup>2</sup> 11866/15

3. In accordance with Article 2(2) of the Decision, **Mr Jiří Suchánek** and **Mr Tamás Szalay** were recommended by the Czech Republic and Hungary respectively.
  
4. At its meeting of 29 October 2015, the Cultural Affairs Committee examined the applications of the recommended experts as set out in Article 2(3) of the decision and agreed that they 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 the following two experts to the selection panel and the monitoring and advisory panel for the European Capital of Culture action for the period 2016-2018:
  - Mr Jiří Suchánek,
  - Mr Tamás Szalay.

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