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INFORMATION NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Council
Subject: The House of European History in Brussels
- Information from the Polish delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Polish delegation on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under 'Any other business' for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 20-21 November 2017.

The House of European History in Brussels

The House of European History in Brussels (HEH), opened on 6 May 2017, is a cultural institution and exhibition centre, that sets out to promote the understanding of European history and the European integration.

For several weeks now Polish authorities have been receiving complaints from people who have had the opportunity to visit the House of European History that the exhibition violates the historical truth in fundamental matters, overlooks a lot of important historical facts and, in many cases, it presents their subjective interpretation.

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland, prof. Piotr Gliński has addressed Mr Antonio Tajani, the President of the European Parliament in a letter dated September 25, 2017, voicing Polish concerns about the exhibition and expressing hope that the European Parliament, on whose initiative the House of European History was established, would manage to verify the assumptions of the exhibition.

Polish authorities would like to take an opportunity to present to the delegations as well as the Commission some of the most flagrant examples of misinformation and omissions of many important events and historical facts presented by the authors of the exhibition.
