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Subject:	European Union action for the European Heritage Label - <i>Replacement of an Austrian member of the European panel</i>

1. In accordance with Council Decision 2011/831/EU¹, every three years the Council appoints four members of the European panel of independent experts for the European Heritage Label. On 29 November 2021 the Council appointed its four members to the European Panel for the period 2022-2024².
2. By an e-mail dated on 29 August 2023, the Commission informed the General Secretariat of the Council that Ms Heidemarie UHL (Austria), one of the four Council experts appointed, passed away on 11 August 2023.

¹ OJ L 330, 14.12.2011, p. 23.

² 12783/21

3. In the case of a member of the European panel not being able to fulfil his or her mandate, Council Decision 2011/831/EU foresees in its Article 2(6) that the Member State that initially appointed that member shall appoint a replacement as soon as possible; that this appointment shall fulfil the requirements laid down in parts 1 and 2 of the Annex to Council Decision 2011/831/EU; and that he or she shall be appointed for the remainder of the term of office of that member.
 4. Austria has proposed to appoint as a replacement Ms Pia SCHÖLNBERGER. The Cultural Affairs Committee considered the candidacy of Ms Schölnberger at its meeting on 24 October 2023, and concluded that all the requirements were met.
 5. It is therefore suggested that the Committee of Permanent Representatives invite the Council to appoint, as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings, Ms Pia Schölnberger (Austria) in category 1 (European history and cultures) as a member of the European panel for the European Heritage Label for the remainder of the period ending on 31 December 2024.
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