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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
Subject:	<i>European Capital of Culture action 2020 - 2033</i> Appointment by the Council of three experts to the selection and monitoring panel for the period 2019-2021

1. The above-mentioned selection and monitoring panel was set up by Article 6 of Decision No 445/2014/EU establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for 2020 to 2033¹. It is composed of 10 experts, of which three are appointed by the Council and the remainder by the European Parliament, the Commission and the Committee of the Regions.
2. 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 2 of Decision 2014/353/EU, a draw must be organised among Member States in order to select the three Member States that will recommend experts to the panel for the 2019-2021 period.
3. At its meeting on 20 September 2018, the Cultural Affairs Committee organised a draw and selected Bulgaria, France and Poland as the Member States that would each recommend one expert to be appointed by the Council to the panel.

¹ OJ L 132, 3.5.2014, p. 1.

² OJ L 175, 14.6.2014, p. 27.

4. In accordance with Article 2(2) of the implementing decision, Bulgaria, France and Poland selected their experts from the pool of potential European experts established by the European Commission. Ms Dessislava GAVRILOVA, Mr Pierre SAUVAGEOT and Ms Paulina FLORJANOWICZ were selected and recommended to be appointed to the panel.
5. At its meeting on 12 November 2018, the Cultural Affairs Committee examined the applications of the recommended experts, as provided for in Article 2(3) of the implementing decision, and agreed that they should be appointed by the Council.
6. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council to appoint, as an 'A' item at one of its forthcoming meetings, the following three experts to the selection and monitoring panel for the European Capital of Culture action for the 2019-2021 period:
 - Ms Dessislava GAVRILOVA
 - Mr Pierre SAUVAGEOT
 - Ms Paulina FLORJANOWICZ.
