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## COUNCIL

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 November 2005

on the European Capital of Culture event for the year 2009

(2005/815/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

*Article 1*

Linz and Vilnius shall be designated as 'European Capital of Culture 2009' in accordance with Article 2(1) of Decision No 1419/1999/EC.

Having regard to Decision No 1419/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 1999 establishing a Community action for the European Capital of Culture event for the years 2005 to 2019<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

*Article 2*

The two cities designated shall take the necessary measures in order to ensure the effective implementation of Articles 1 and 5 of Decision No 1419/1999/EC.

Having regard to the Selection Panel report of April 2005 submitted to the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council in accordance with Article 2(2) of Decision No 1419/1999/EC,

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2005.

Whereas the criteria laid down in Article 3 of and Annex II to Decision No 1419/1999/EC are entirely fulfilled,

*For the Council*

*The President*

T. JOWELL

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission of 18 October 2005,

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 166, 1.7.1999, p. 1. Decision as amended by Decision No 649/2005/EC (OJ L 117, 4.5.2005, p. 20).