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INSIDE GERMANY'S FIGHT WITH AUSTRIA FOR A COVETED UN SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT

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The contest between ostensible allies in Berlin and Vienna in a vote set for Wednesday has been unusually cutthroat.

In the heated Austro-German fight over which country will win a prized seat on the United Nations Security Council, Austrian officials are resorting to some wry diplomacy and a simple message.

Vote for us precisely because we were not the Germans, as one senior Austrian diplomat put it.

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