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from: Dr Harald GÜNTHER, Chargé d'affaires, Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union
received on: 14 May 2013
to: Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union
Subject: Committee of the Regions
– appointment of two members and two alternate members (AT)

Delegations will find attached a translation of two letters ¹ from Dr Harald GÜNTHER, Chargé d'affaires, Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union.

¹ with references GZ BRÜSSEL-ÖV/BMEI/0712/2013 and GZ BRÜSSEL-ÖV/BMEI/0716/2013.

**Permanent Representation
of Austria to the EU**

Brussels, 8 May 2013

GZ BRÜSSEL-ÖV/BMEI/0712/2013

Committee of the Regions:

**Nomination of Dr Michael STRUGL, *Landesrat*, as member to succeed
Dr Josef PÜHRINGER, and renomination of Viktor SIGL, *Landtagspräsident*, following his
change of mandate**

Dear Sir,

Dr Josef PÜHRINGER, *Landeshauptmann von Oberösterreich*, has resigned from his position as member of the Committee of the Regions. In consequence, the government of Upper Austria decided at its meeting on 18 April 2012/3 to propose the nomination of Dr Michael STRUGL, MBA, to replace him as member of the CoR.

On account of his previous position as *Landesrat von Oberösterreich*, Mr Viktor SIGL, *Kommerzialrat*, was an alternate member of the CoR. On 18 April he was elected *Landtagspräsident* (President of the Regional Parliament). The government of Oberösterreich has therefore decided to renominate Mr SIGL, *Landtagspräsident*, as alternate member of the CoR on the basis of his changed mandate.

I should like to inform you that the Austrian Federal Government has decided to nominate Dr Michael STRUGL, *Landesrat*, as member, and to renominate Mr SIGL, *Landtagspräsident*, as alternate member of the CoR.

As *Landesrat*, Dr STRUGL is politically accountable to an elected assembly. As *Landtagspräsident*, Mr SIGL holds a regional authority electoral mandate. Thus, the provisions under European law for the position as member or alternate member of the CoR are satisfied by both persons nominated.

To Mr Uwe Corsepius
Secretary-General of the Council
of the European Union
Rue de la Loi 175
1048 Brussels

The particulars of the two candidates are as follows:

(1) Nomination as member of the CoR

Name: **Dr Michael Strugl, MBA**

National mandate: *Landesrat*

Type of mandate: politically accountable to an elected assembly

Address: **OMISSIS**

Telephone number: **OMISSIS**

E-mail address: **OMISSIS**

Place and date of birth: 28 August 1963, Steyr, Austria

(2) Nomination as alternate member of the CoR

Name: **Viktor Sigl**

National mandate: *Landtagspräsident*

Type of mandate: regional authority electoral mandate

Address: **OMISSIS**

Telephone number: **OMISSIS**

E-mail address: **OMISSIS**

Place and date of birth: 20 June 1954, Bad Kreuzen, Austria

(Complimentary close).

(signed)

Dr Harald GÜNTHER

Chargé d'affaires

**Permanent Representation
of Austria to the EU**

Brussels, 8 May 2013

GZ BRÜSSEL-ÖV/BMEI/0716/2013

Committee of the Regions:**Nomination of Dr Peter KAISER, *Landeshauptmann*, as member to succeed
Mr Gerhard DÖRFLER, and nomination of Mr Herwig SEISER, *Landtagsabgeordneter*, as
alternate member to succeed Dr Wolfgang WALDNER**

Dear Sir,

Following the elections to the *Kärntner Landtag* on 3 March 2013 and the new formation and election of council members of the *Kärntner Landesregierung*, the mandate of the former *Landeshauptmann*, Gerhard Dörfler, which formed the basis for his membership of the Committee of the Regions has ended, together with his membership of the CoR. The mandate forming the basis of the alternate membership of the CoR of former *Landesrat*, Dr Wolfgang Waldner, and therefore his position as alternate member, has also ended for the same reasons.

The government of Kärnten decided on 9 April 2013 to propose the nomination of Dr Peter Kaiser, *Landeshauptmann*, to replace Mr Gerhard Dörfler as member of the CoR and Mr Herwig Seiser, *Landtagsabgeordneter*, to replace Dr Wolfgang Waldner as alternate member, for the remainder of the current term of office.

As *Landeshauptmann*, Dr Kaiser is politically accountable to an elected assembly. As *Landtagsabgeordneter*, Mr Herwig Seiser holds a regional authority electoral mandate. Thus, the provisions under European law for the position as member or alternate member of the Committee of the Regions are satisfied by both persons nominated.

I should like to inform you that the Austrian Federal Government has decided to nominate Dr Peter KAISER, *Landeshauptmann*, as member, and to nominate Mr Herwig SEISER, *Landtagsabgeordneter*, as alternate member of the CoR.

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Secretary-General of the Council
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1048 Brussels

The particulars of the two candidates are as follows:

(1) Nomination as member of the CoR

Name: Dr Peter Kaiser

National mandate: *Landeshauptmann*

Type of mandate: politically accountable to an elected assembly

Address: **OMISSIS**

Telephone number: **OMISSIS**

E-mail address: **OMISSIS**

Place and date of birth: 4 December 1958, Klagenfurt, Austria

(2) Nomination as alternate member of the CoR

Name: Herwig Seiser

National mandate: *Landtagsabgeordneter*

Type of mandate: regional authority electoral mandate

Address: **OMISSIS**

Telephone number: **OMISSIS**

E-mail address: **OMISSIS**

Place and date of birth: 15 December 1960, St. Veit/Glan, Austria

(Complimentary close).

(signed)

Dr Harald GÜNTHER

Chargé d'affaires
