



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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“I” ITEM NOTE

from:	General Secretariat
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION appointing the Croatian members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions - Use of the written procedure*

1. In accordance with Article 24 of the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, the Committee of the Regions shall be temporarily increased by the appointment of nine Croatian members and nine Croatian alternate members representing regional and local bodies, who either hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate or are politically accountable to an elected assembly. The terms of office of the members thus appointed will expire at the same time as those of the members in office at the time of accession, i.e. on 25 January 2015, or until the entry into force of the decision referred to in Article 305, second paragraph, TFEU, whichever comes first.
2. Under Article 305 TFEU, the Committee's members are appointed by the Council in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State.

* Item on which a procedural decision may be taken by Coreper, in accordance with Article 19(7)(e) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

3. The government of the Republic of Croatia notified the Council of the names of its candidates on 10 April 2013¹. On 12 June 2013 the Croatian authorities informed the Council of the loss of mandate of one of the candidates following local elections.
4. The Decision appointing the Croatian members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions is not included in the measures referred to in Article 3(4) of the Treaty of Accession² that may be adopted prior to the accession. In order to ensure such appointment as of the date of accession and since there is no Council meeting foreseen on 1 July 2013, such appointment decision needs to be taken by written procedure to be completed on **1 July 2013**.
5. Coreper is accordingly requested to:
 - (a) recommend that the Council adopt the Decision appointing the 8 Croatian members and 9 alternate members of the Committee of the Regions, as set out in 10104/13 CDR 74 (as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts);
 - (b) decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(e) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to use the written procedure referred to in Article 12(1) thereof to adopt the Decision referred to in (a).

¹ cf. doc. 8421/13.

² OJ L 112, 24.4.2012, p. 14.