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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Delegations

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Subject: Committee of the Regions  
- Letter from the Permanent Representation of Ireland - appointment  
of three members and four alternate members

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Delegations will find attached a letter dated 11 July 2016 from Mr Declan KELLEHER, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union.



11 July 2016

Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen  
Secretary General  
General Secretariat of the Council  
of the European Union  
175 Rue de la Loi  
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**Subject: Appointment of new Irish members of the Committee of the Regions**

Dear Secretary General,

Five vacancies, comprising three full member and two alternate member positions have arisen in the Irish delegation to the Committee of the Regions, following the general election in Ireland on 26 February 2016.

The five members who no longer hold an electoral mandate have notified the President of the Committee of the Regions of their resignation, as required by the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Regions. The full members who have resigned are Ms Maria Byrne, Mr Neale Richmond and Ms Rose Conway Walsh, and the alternate members are Ms Fiona O'Loughlin and Mr Maurice Quinlivan.

In the context of the procedure for the replacement of members of the Committee of the Regions, the Irish Government's proposed candidates for the remainder of the term of the current Committee of the Regions until 25 January 2020 are as follows:

**Full Members**

Councillor Michael Murphy, Tipperary County Council

Councillor Deirdre Forde, Cork County Council

Councillor Gerry Murray, Mayo County Council

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As Councillors Michael Murphy and Deirdre Forde were already alternate members, their nominations as full members result in a further two vacancies among the alternate members, bring to four the number of alternate member vacancies.

Four nominations of alternate members have been made as follows:

**Alternate Members**

Councillor Barry Ward, Dún Laoighaire/Rathdown County Council

Councillor Irene Winters, Wicklow County Council

Councillor Eamon Dooley, Offaly County Council

Councillor Dianne Nolan, Kerry County Council

Yours sincerely,



Declan Kelleher

Permanent Representative