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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft Council Decision appointing an alternate member, proposed by the Republic of Austria, of the Committee of the Regions
- Adoption

1. By letter dated 19 July 2017, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the resignation of Mr Markus LINHART, member of the Committee of the Regions¹. On 14 September 2017, the Council adopted its Decision to appoint Mr Hannes WENINGER, who had been an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions, as a member of the Committee of the Regions to replace Mr Markus LINHART².
2. Under Article 305 TFEU, members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions are appointed by the Council, acting by a qualified majority on proposals from the respective Member States.

¹ 11465/17 CDR 114.
² 11533/17 CDR 119.

3. In accordance with that provision, the Austrian Government has proposed³ the following person as an alternate member for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:
 - Mr Markus LINHART, *Bürgermeister und Gemeinderat von Bregenz*.
 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision set out in 11920/17 CDR 129 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.
 5. That Decision will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 297(2) TFEU.
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³ 11919/17 CDR 128.