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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

Subject: Draft Council Decision appointing a member and two alternate members,
proposed by the Kingdom of Belgium, of the Committee of the Regions
- Adoption

1. By letters dated 15 May 2017 and 11 August 2017, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the resignation of Mr Rudy DEMOTTE, alternate member of the Committee of the Regions and of Mr Jean-François ISTASSE, member of the Committee of the Regions¹.
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 9520/17 CDR 89 and 11883/17 CDR 124.

3. In accordance with that provision, the Belgian Government has proposed² for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:
- a) as a member:
- Mr Marc HENDRICKX, *Lid van het Vlaams Parlement*,
- and
- b) as alternate members:
- Mr Jan VAN ESBROECK, *Lid van het Vlaams Parlement*,
 - Mr Jean-François ISTASSE, *Conseiller communal de Verviers*.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision set out in 13325/17 CDR 159 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.

² 13324/17 CDR 158.