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to: Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

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Subject: Committee of the Regions  
- appointment of four members and four alternate members (IE)

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Delegations will find attached a letter dated 11 July 2014 from Mr Declan KELLEHER, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union.

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**Subject: Appointment of new Irish members of the Committee of the Regions**

Dear Secretary General

Eight vacancies, comprising five full member and three alternate member positions have arisen in the Irish delegation to the Committee of the Regions, following local elections in Ireland on 23 May 2014.

The eight 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 Mr Gerry Breen, Ms Constance Hannify, Mr Des Hurley, Mr Brian Meaney and Mr Paul O'Donoghue, and the alternate members are Mr Michael McGreal, Mr Barney Steele and Ms Catherine Yore.

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 2015 are as follows:

**Full Members**

Councillor Maria Byrne, Limerick City & County Council  
Councillor Eamon Dooley, Offaly County Council  
Councillor Mary Freehill, Dublin City Council  
Councillor Neale Richmond, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

A further nomination to fill the final full member vacancy, in replacement of Mr Paul O'Donoghue, will be made in due course.

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As Councillors Maria Byrne and Mary Freehill were already alternate members, their nominations as full members result in a further two vacancies among the alternate members, bringing to five the total number of alternate member vacancies.

Four nominations of alternate members have been made as follows:

**Alternate members**

Councillor Deirdre Forde, Cork County Council

Councillor Clifford Kelly, Cavan County Council

Councillor Michael Murphy, Tipperary County Council

Councillor William Paton, Carlow County Council

A further nomination to fill the final alternate member vacancy, in replacement of Mr Michael McGreal, will be made in due course.

Yours sincerely



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Permanent Representative