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Subject:	Committee of the Regions - Letter from the Swedish Government - Appointment of three members and six alternate members
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Delegations will find attached a translation of a letter dated 11 June 2015 from Mr Ardalan SHEKARABI and Mr Henrik KÄLLSBO, on behalf of the Swedish Government.

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Appointment of members and alternate members of the European Committee of the Regions

1 enclosure

Government decision

In accordance with Article 305 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Swedish government has decided to appoint Joakim Larsson (Green Party (MP)), Västra Götaland county council, Anna Ljungdell (Swedish Social Democratic Party (S)), Nynäshamn municipality and Tomas Riste (S), Värmland county council, as members of the European Committee of the Regions until 25 January 2020.

The government has also decided to appoint Krister Andersson (S), Västra Götaland county council, Xamuel Gonzales Westling (Left Party (V)), Hofors municipality, Jonny Lundin (Centre Party (C)), Härnösand municipality, Glenn Nordlund (S), Örnsköldsvik municipality, Erik Pelling (S), Uppsala municipality and Ingeborg Wiksten (Liberal Party (FP)), Västernorrland county council, as alternate members of the European Committee of the Regions until 25 January 2020.

Background

General elections were held in Sweden in September 2014. The Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SKL) therefore decided on 25 March, 24 April and 22 May 2015 to propose the following changes to the Swedish delegation, on account of the election results at municipal level.

Krister Andersson (S) was nominated as alternate member in place of Ewa Lindstrand (S), Xamuel Gonzales Westling (V) was nominated as alternate member in place of Roger Mogert (S), Joakim Larsson (MP) was nominated as member in place of Monalisa Norrman (V), Anna Ljungdell (S) was nominated as a new member in place of Lotta Håkansson Harju (S), Jonny Lundin (C) was nominated as alternate member in place of Carola Gunnarsson (C), Glenn Nordlund (S) was nominated as alternate member in place of Anders Rosén (S), Erik Pelling (S) was nominated as alternate member in place of Agneta Lipkin (S), Tomas Riste (S) was nominated as a new member in place of Tore Hult (S), and Ingeborg Wiksten (FP) was nominated as alternate member in place of Kenth Lövgren (FP).

In addition, Lotta Håkansson Harju (S), Tore Hult (S) and Monalisa Norrman (V) declined their positions as members of the European Committee of the Regions. Ewa Lindstrand (S), Agneta Lipkin (S), Anders Rosén (S), Roger Mogert (S), Carola Gunnarsson (C) and Kenth Lövgren (FP) also declined their positions as alternate members of the European Committee of the Regions.

Grounds for the government decision

General elections were held in Sweden in September 2014 to elect members of the Swedish parliament, county councils and municipal authorities. On the basis of the full election results in the municipalities and county councils, the SKL proposed changes to the Swedish delegation to the European Committee of the Regions. In this context, the Swedish government appoints those individuals proposed by the SKL as members and alternate members.

On behalf of the Swedish government

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