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From:	Mr Thomas OBERREITER, Chargé d'affaires a.i., Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union
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To:	Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Committee of the Regions - Letter from the Austrian Permanent Representation - Appointment of a member and an alternate member

Delegations will find attached a translation of a letter dated 28 August 2015 from Mr Thomas OBERREITER, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union.

Encl.: GZ BRÜSSEL-ÖV/BMEIA/1089/2015

PERMANENT
REPRESENTATION
OF AUSTRIA
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

Brussels, 28 August 2015

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Committee of the Regions:

**Appointment of Mr Christian ILLEDITS, Landtagspräsident, as
member and Mr Hans NIESSL, Landeshauptmann, as alternate member**

Dear Sir,

Mr Hans NIESSL, Landeshauptmann, has been a member of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) since 25 January 2015. Mr Christian ILLEDITS, Landtagspräsident, has been an alternate member of the CoR since the same date. On account of the election of the Burgenland parliament on 31 May 2015 and the formation of the new parliament on 9 July 2015, Mr Hans NIESSL, Landeshauptmann, and Mr Christian ILLEDITS, Landtagspräsident, have declared in a letter to the President of the CoR that their mandates as member and alternate member respectively ended with effect from 9 July 2015.

On 23 July 2015 the Provincial Government of Burgenland decided to propose the appointment of Mr Christian ILLEDITS, Landtagspräsident, as a full member of the CoR to succeed Mr Hans NIESSL, Landeshauptmann for the remainder of the current term of office. It was furthermore decided to propose the appointment of Mr Hans NIESSL, Landeshauptmann, as an alternate member of the CoR to succeed Mr Christian ILLEDITS, Landtagspräsident.

As President of the Burgenland parliament, Mr Christian ILLEDITS holds an electoral mandate in a regional, democratically elected representative body. As Governor of Burgenland, Mr Hans NIESSL is politically accountable to a democratically elected representative body (the parliament of Burgenland). Both candidates thus satisfy the conditions under European law for the positions of member and alternate member respectively of the CoR.

I should now like to inform you that the Austrian Federal Government has decided to appoint Mr Christian ILLEDITS, Landtagspräsident, as a full member and Hans NIESSL, Landeshauptmann, as an alternate member of the CoR.

The particulars of the two persons appointed are as follows:

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(1) Appointment as member of the CoR

Name: Christian ILLEDITS

National mandate: Landtagspräsident

Type of mandate: electoral mandate (president and member of parliament)

Address: OMISSIS

Telephone number: OMISSIS

Fax number: OMISSIS

Email: OMISSIS

Date of birth: OMISSIS

Term of office: until approx. June/July 2020 (formation of the new Burgenland parliament after the next parliamentary election)

(2) Appointment as alternate member of the CoR

Name: Hans NIESSL

National mandate: Landeshauptmann

Type of mandate: Mandate with political accountability to a generally elected assembly (Governor of Burgenland)

Address: OMISSIS

Telephone number: OMISSIS

Fax number: OMISSIS

Email: OMISSIS

Date of birth: OMISSIS

Term of office: until approx. June/July 2020 (formation of the new Burgenland parliament after the next parliamentary election).

(Complimentary close)

Thomas Oberreiter
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