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CDR 3

'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

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

1. By letter dated 28 November 2018, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the loss of mandate of Mr Alain HUTCHINSON, 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.
3. In accordance with that provision, the Belgian Government has proposed² the following person as a member for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:
 - Mr Alain HUTCHINSON, *Commissaire pour l'Europe et l'accueil des organisations internationales* (change of mandate).

¹ 5226/19 CDR 1.

² 5337/19 CDR 9.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision set out in 5234/19 CDR 2 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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