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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

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Subject: Draft Council Decision appointing an alternate member, proposed by the  
Federal Republic of Germany, of the Committee of the Regions  
- Adoption

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1. By letter dated 3 July 2018, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the passing away of Mr Ralf GEISTHARDT, alternate member of the Committee of the Regions<sup>1</sup>.
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.

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<sup>1</sup> 10808/18 CDR 94.

3. In accordance with that provision, the German Government has proposed<sup>2</sup> the following person as an alternate member for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:
    - Mr Markus KURZE, *Mitglied des Landtages von Sachsen-Anhalt*.
  4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision set out in 5241/19 CDR 6 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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<sup>2</sup> 5317/19 CDR 8.