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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 a member and an alternate member,  
proposed by the United Kingdom, of the Committee of the Regions  
- Adoption

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1. By letters dated 14 November 2017 and 18 May 2018 the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the passing away of Mr Paul WATSON and of the loss of mandate of Ms Suzanne Ellen GROCOTT.<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.
3. In accordance with that provision, the Government of the United Kingdom has proposed<sup>2</sup> the following:
  - (a) as a member:
    - Mr Simon BLACKBURN, *Councillor, Blackpool Council*,

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<sup>1</sup> 14411/17, 9378/18.

<sup>2</sup> 6742/19.

and

(b) as an alternate member:

– Ms Joanne LABAN, *Councillor, Enfield Council*.

4. This member and this alternate member will be appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020 or until the date of withdrawal of the UK from the EU, whichever date comes first.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision set out in 6744/19 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.
6. 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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