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| | - Letter from the Republic of Austria - appointment of a member and an alternate member |

Delegations will find in the annex the translation of a letter dated 23 September 2022, from Dr Nikolaus MARSCHIK, Permanent Representative of Austria to the European Union, addressed to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

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THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

Brussels, 23 September 2022

Dear Sir,

Pursuant to Article 305 TFEU, the Council appoints members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) for five years on the basis of a proposal made by each Member State. Where the term of office of a member or an alternate member is terminated before expiry of that period, a replacement is appointed for the remaining term of office by the same procedure.

Mr Hannes Weninger, formerly an alternate member of the CoR, was appointed as a full member of the CoR by Council Decision of 21 June 2021.

The Permanent Representation further notifies you that Mr Christopher Drexler, Landeshauptmann (Governor), resigned as full member of the CoR with effect from 25 July 2022.

On 14 September 2022, the Austrian Federal Government therefore decided to nominate Mr Thomas Steiner, Bürgermeister der Landeshauptstadt Freistadt Eisenstadt und Abgeordneter zum Burgenländischen Landtag (Mayor of Eisenstadt and Member of the Provincial Parliament of Burgenland), as alternate member of the CoR, succeeding Mr Hannes Weninger.

On 14 September 2022, the Austrian Federal Government also decided to nominate Mr Werner Amon, Landesrat (Member of the Provincial Government), as a new full member, to replace Mr Christopher Drexler, Landeshauptmann (Governor).

Please find enclosed the details of the nominees in the form requested by the General Secretariat of the Council. I would kindly request that you draw up the appointment decisions for the earliest possible Council meeting.

(complimentary close)

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