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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

Subject: Council Decision appointing a member and three alternate members,
proposed by the Republic of Poland, of the Committee of the Regions
- Adoption

1. By letter of 4 August 2021¹, 12 July² and 7 December 2022³, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the resignations of Mr Ludwik Kajetan WĘGRZYN, member of the Committee of the Regions, and of Ms Elżbieta Anna POLAK and Mr Marek Andrzej TRAMŚ, alternate members of the Committee of the Regions.
2. Under Article 305 TFEU, the Council appoints members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions, acting by a qualified majority on proposals by the respective Member States.

1 11932/21.
2 11623/22.
3 14663/22.

3. In accordance with that provision and for the purpose of the replacement of Mr Ludwik Kajetan WĘGRZYN, the Polish Government has proposed⁴ Mr Joachim Michał SMYŁA, representative of a local body who holds a local authority electoral mandate, *Radny Powiatu Lublinieckiego* (Member of Lubliniec District Council), as a member of the Committee of the Regions until 30 April 2024, date on which his national mandate will end in accordance with the applicable national legislation. Following the appointment of Mr SMYŁA, an alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions will become vacant.
4. Moreover, the Polish Government has proposed the following representatives of regional or local bodies who hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions until 30 April 2024, date on which their respective national mandates will end in accordance with the applicable national legislation: Mr Marcin Artur JABŁOŃSKI, *Członek Zarządu Województwa Lubuskiego* (Member of the Management Board of the Lubuskie Voivodship), Mr Andrzej Antoni PŁONKA, *Radny Powiatu Bielskiego (woj. śląskie)* (Member of Bielsko District Council (Śląskie Voivodship)), and Ms Lucyna Teresa SOKOŁOWSKA, *Radna Powiatu Rzeszowskiego* (Member of Rzeszów District Council).
5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to confirm its agreement on the text of the Decision set out in document 5479/23 and to suggest that the Council adopt that Decision as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

⁴ 5475/23.