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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Council Decision appointing two alternate members, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions
	- Adoption

- 1. By letter dated 6 February 2020, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the resignations of Ms Christianne VAN DER WAL - ZEGGELINK and Mr Johannes Gerrit KRAMER, alternate members 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.

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- 3. In accordance with that provision, on 5 March 2020, the Government of the Netherlands has proposed² as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025:
 - Mr Johannes Cornelius Gerardus Maria (John) BERENDS, Representative of a regional body with political accountability to an elected Assembly: *Provinciale* Staten van de provincie Gelderland,
 - Mr Klaas FOKKINGA, Representative of a regional body with political accountability to an elected Assembly: *Provinciale Staten van de provincie Fryslân*.
- 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision set out in 6632/20 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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² 6630/20.