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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)

Subject: Council Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

1. The term of office of the Committee of the Regions expired on 25 January 2020. 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.
2. In accordance with this provision, the Governments of the Member States have forwarded to the General Secretariat proposals for candidates for appointment as members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period 2020-2025.
3. On 10 December 2019, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2019/2157¹ appointing the members and alternate members proposed by the Czech, Danish, Estonian, Cypriot, Latvian, Luxembourg, Dutch, Austrian, Romanian, Slovenian, Slovak and Swedish Governments, three members proposed by the Belgian Government, 21 members and 20 alternate members

¹ Decision (EU) 2019/2157 of the Council appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025 (OJ L 327, 17.12.2019, p. 78).

proposed by the German Government, 16 members and 16 alternate members proposed by the Spanish Government, 8 members and 8 alternate members proposed by the Irish Government, 10 members and 14 alternate members proposed by the Italian Government, 4 members and 4 alternate members proposed by the Maltese Government and 8 members and 8 alternate members proposed by the Finnish Government for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025.

4. On 20 January 2020, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/102². That Decision appointed, for the same period, from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025, the members and alternate members proposed by Greek, French, Croatian, Lithuanian, Hungarian and Portuguese Governments, as well as 4 members and 4 alternate members proposed by the Belgian Government, one member proposed by the Bulgarian Government, one member and one alternate member proposed by the Irish Government, one member and one alternate member proposed by the Spanish Government, 14 members and 10 alternate members proposed by the Italian Government and 21 members and 20 alternate members proposed by the Polish Government.
5. On 3 February 2020, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/144³. That Decision appointed, for the same period, from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025, the remaining members and alternate members proposed by the Finnish and Spanish Governments. Members and alternate members whose nominations had not been communicated to the Council before 23 January 2020 could not be included in Decision (EU) 2020/144.

² Council Decision (EU) 2020/102 of 20 January 2020 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025 (OJ L 20, 24.1.2020, p. 2).

³ Council Decision (EU) 2020/144 of 3 February 2020 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025 (OJ L 32, 4.2.2020, p. 16).

6. In the intervening time since 3 February 2020, Belgium has proposed its candidates for its remaining members' and alternate members' seats, Germany has proposed its candidate for one alternate member and Malta has proposed its candidate for one member. These members and alternate members should be appointed for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025. The appointing Decision should therefore apply retroactively from 26 January 2020.
7. At its meeting on 4 March 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee examined the text of the appointing Decision. The text of the Decision was subsequently finalised by the legal/linguistic experts.
8. Due to the present exceptional circumstances, the Decision could not be adopted, as previously planned, in the Council meeting on 17 March 2020.
9. Coreper is accordingly invited to:
 - a) recommend that the Council adopt the Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025, as set out in document 6097/1/20 REV 1 (as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts);
 - b) decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(e) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to use the written procedure referred to in Article 12(1) thereof to adopt the Decision referred to in (a).