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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
– Initiation of written procedure

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. On 10 December 2019, 20 January 2020 and 3 February 2020, the Council adopted Decisions (EU) 2019/2157¹, 2020/102² and 2020/144³ appointing the members and alternate members

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2019/2157 of 10 December 2019 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).

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).

of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025, with some of the national nomination lists incomplete.

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Due to the present exceptional circumstances, the Decision could not be adopted, as previously planned, in the Council meeting on 17 March 2020. The Permanent Representatives Committee therefore decided on 20 March 2020, in accordance with Article 19(7)(e) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to use the written procedure to adopt the appointing Decision.
6. Delegations are invited, pursuant to Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to indicate whether they agree to the adoption of the Decision mentioned in the subject, as set out in document [6097/1/20 REV 1](#).

You may answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION.

Any unilateral statements must be made separately.

Answers must reach the General Secretariat of the Council as soon as possible and at the latest **by Thursday 26 March at 17h00 (Brussels time)** and should be sent to the following email address:

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