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From:	Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union
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To:	Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Committee of the Regions - Letter from Austria - appointment of an alternate member

Delegations will find in the Annex translation of a letter dated 22 December 2023, from Mr Franz WIRTENBERGER, Permanent Representative of Austria to the European Union, addressed to Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union.

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Permanent Representation of Austria to
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Brussels, 22 December 2023

Dear Secretary-General, *Dear Thérèse*,

Pursuant to Article 305 TFEU, the Council appoints members and alternate members of the 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.

The Permanent Representation hereby informs you that the term of office of Dr. Martin Eichtinger as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) ended with his resignation from the Landesregierung (Provincial Government of Lower Austria) on 23 March 2023.

On 20 December 2023, the Austrian Federal Government therefore nominated Mr Karl Willing, Präsident des Niederösterreichischen Landtages (President of the Lower Austrian State Parliament), as alternate member of the CoR (replacing Dr Martin Eichtinger).

Please find enclosed the details of the nominee 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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