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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Delegations  
Subject: Committee of the Regions  
- Letter from Austria - appointment of one member and one alternate member

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Delegations will find attached a translation of a letter dated 17 March 2020 from Mr Nikolaus MARSCHIK, Permanent Representative of Austria to the European Union, addressed to Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union.

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The Permanent Representative

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Brussels, 17 March 2020

**Committee of the Regions (CoR); Nomination of Landeshauptmann Thomas Stelzer as member and Landesrat Markus Achleitner as alternate member**

Sir,

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.

Landesrat Markus ACHLEITNER has announced that he will resign from his post as member with effect from 30 March 2020 and Victor SIGL resigned from his post as alternate member on 29 January 2020.

The Austrian Federal Government has therefore decided to nominate Landeshauptmann Thomas STELZER as member of the CoR (to succeed Landesrat Markus ACHLEITNER) and to nominate Landesrat Markus ACHLEITNER as alternate member of the CoR (to succeed Victor SIGL).

Please find enclosed the details of the nominees in the form requested by the General Secretariat of the Council.

I would kindly request that you draw up the appointment decision for the earliest possible Council meeting after 30 March 2020.

(Complimentary close)

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