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То:	Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union			
Subject:	Committee of the Regions			
	- Letter from Finland - appointment of a member			

Delegations will find in the Annex the translation of a letter dated 9 February, from Mr Janne UUSIVIRTA, Permanent Representative of Finland to the European Union, addressed to Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union.

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# Letter to the Council: Proposed Change of Mandate to the Finnish Delegation in the Committee of the Regions

Please find attached the relevant correspondence by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland.

One behalf of the Permanent representative,

Janne UUSIVIRTA

Counsellor

Attachments: 3: Letter, extract from the proces-verbal of the government plenary session, Annex II information form

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## Nomination of a replacement member of the Finnish delegation to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the term

Finland is represented at the Committee of the Regions by nine (9) full members and nine (9) alternate members. Of each of these nine, eight are from mainland Finland and one is from Åland. Mikkel Näkkäläjärvi, a full member of the Committee of the Regions, has tendered his resignation due to changes in his duties. The Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities has proposed Pekka Komua as a new full member.

At its plenary session on 18 January 2024, the Finnish Government decided to nominate Pekka Komua, Lahden kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (member of Lahti City Council), to replace Mikkel Näkkäläjärvi, who has resigned, as full member of the European Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the 2020-2025 term.

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Annexes Extract from the minutes of the government plenary session

Statement on the eligibility of the proposed member

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### FINNISH GOVERNMENT 7/2024

#### **MINUTES**

Plenary session At 13:06 on 18 January 2024, Helsinki

Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment

Present:

Chair Minister for Finance Purra

Ministers Henriksson, Grahn-Laasonen, Mykkänen, Valtonen, Tavio, Adlercreutz, Multala,

Bergqvist, Ranne, Juuso, Ikonen, Rydman

Chancellor of Justice Chancellor of Justice Pöysti

Minister Rydman
Presented by Senior Adviser Metsälä

Item 18 Nomination of a candidate for the European Committee of the Regions for the

remainder of the 2020-2025 term

Finland has nine full members and nine alternate members of the European Committee of the Regions, eight from mainland Finland and one from Åland. The current members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions have been appointed for a term ending in January 2025. The Finnish candidates are nominated by the Finnish Government. The final decision on the composition of the Committee of the Regions is taken by the Council of the European Union on the basis of proposals from each Member State.

Under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the term of office of a member of the Committee of the Regions ends automatically when the mandate on the basis of which a Member State nominated a member of the Committee of the Regions ends. In addition, a member may tender their resignation.

Mikkel Näkkäläjärvi, full member of the Committee of the Regions and member of Rovaniemi City Council, has tendered his resignation due to changes in his duties. Rovaniemi City Council has accepted Näkkäläjärvi's resignation from the City Council as of 12 December 2023.

It is proposed that Mikkel Näkkäläjärvi be replaced as full member of the Committee of

the Regions for the remainder of the term by Pekka Komua, Lahden

kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (member of Lahti City Council).

Proposal The Finnish Government nominates Pekka Komua, Lahden kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen

(member of Lahti City Council), to replace Mikkel Näkkäläjärvi as full member of the

European Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the 2020-2025 term.

Decision The government approved the

proposal. ANNEX 1

memorandum

Minister for Economic Affairs Wille Rydman, 19.01.2024 09:20

Senior Adviser Petra Metsälä, 18.01.2024 16:34

Adviser Johanna Roselius, 18.01.2024 15:44