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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Draft Council Decision appointing two alternate members, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions - Adoption by silence procedure

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1. By letter dated 6 February 2020, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the resignations of Ms Christianne VAN DER WAL – ZEGGELINK and Mr Johannes Gerrit KRAMER, alternate members of the Committee of the Regions<sup>1</sup>.
2. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 6032/20.

3. In accordance with that provision, on 5 March 2020, the Government of the Netherlands has proposed<sup>2</sup> the following persons as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025:
  - Mr Johannes Cornelius Gerardus Maria (John) BERENDS, Representative of a regional body with political accountability to an elected Assembly: *Provinciale Staten van de provincie Gelderland*,
  - Mr Klaas FOKKINGA, Representative of a regional body with political accountability to an elected Assembly: *Provinciale Staten van de provincie Fryslân*.
4. At its meeting on 18 March 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee examined the text of the appointing Decision set out in document 6632/20.
5. The adoption of the Decision was scheduled for the Foreign Affairs Council meeting on 23 March 2020, but the meeting was cancelled due to current exceptional circumstances.
6. In order not to further delay the adoption of the aforementioned Decision, the Presidency invites the Permanent Representatives Committee, in accordance with Article 12(2)b of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to examine the text of the appointing Decision, as set out in document 6632/1/20 REV 1, and to suggest that the Council adopt the Decision by simplified written procedure ("silence procedure").
7. That Decision will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 297(2) TFEU.

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<sup>2</sup> 6630/20.