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#### 'I' ITEM NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Council Decision appointing members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions
	– Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

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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. In accordance with this provision, the Governments of the Member States have forwarded to the General Secretariat proposals for candidates for appointment as members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period 2020-2025.

3. Until now the Council has adopted Decisions (EU) 2019/2157<sup>1</sup>, 2020/102<sup>2</sup>, 2020/144<sup>3</sup> and 2020/511<sup>4</sup> appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025. On 8 June 2020, following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union which became legally effective on 1 February 2020, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/766<sup>5</sup> appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 1 February 2020 to 25 January 2025.
4. The Bulgarian, German and Maltese Governments have proposed their candidates for their members' and alternate members' seats<sup>6</sup>. Those members and alternate members should be appointed for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025.
5. By Decision (EU) 2019/2157, Mr Christakis MELETIES had been appointed as an alternate member for Cyprus. By Decision (EU) 2020/766, Mr Christakis MELETIES was appointed as a member for Cyprus. Following the adoption of Decision (EU) 2020/766, an alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions therefore became vacant as of 1 February 2020. By Decision (EU) 2019/2157, Mr Gusty GRAAS had been appointed as an alternate member for Luxembourg. By Decision (EU) 2020/766, Mr Gusty GRAAS was appointed as a member for Luxembourg. Following the adoption of Decision (EU) 2020/766, an alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions therefore became vacant as of 1 February 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>3</sup> 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).

<sup>4</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2020/511 of 26 March 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 113, 8.4.2020, p. 18).

<sup>5</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2020/766 of 8 June 2020 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 1 February 2020 to 25 January 2025 (OJ L 187, 12.6.2020, p. 3).

<sup>6</sup> 9781/20, 7336/20, 7843/20, 7335/20.

6. The Cypriot and the Luxembourg Governments have proposed their candidates for their alternate members' seats<sup>7</sup>. Those alternate members should be appointed for the period from 1 February 2020 to 25 January 2025.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
- a) recommend that the Council adopt the Decision appointing members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions, as set out in document 9600/20;
  - b) decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(e) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to use the written procedure referred to in Article 12(1) thereof to adopt the Decision referred to in (a).
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<sup>7</sup> 5933/20, 8943/20.