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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025 - Adoption

1. The term of office of the Committee of the Regions is due to expire 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. On 10 December 2019, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2019/2157¹ appointing the members and alternate members proposed by the Czech, Danish, Estonian, Cypriot, Latvian, Luxembourg, Dutch, Austrian, Romanian, Slovenian, Slovak and Swedish Governments, three members proposed by the Belgian Government, 21 members and 20 alternate members

¹ Decision (EU) 2019/2157 of the Council 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)

proposed by the German Government, 16 members and 16 alternate members proposed by the Spanish Government, 8 members and 8 alternate members proposed by the Irish Government, 10 members and 14 alternate members proposed by the Italian Government, 4 members and 4 alternate members proposed by the Maltese Government and 8 members and 8 alternate members proposed by the Finnish Government for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025.

4. It is now intended to appoint the members and alternate members proposed by the Greek, French, Croatian, Lithuanian, Hungarian and Portuguese Governments, as well as 4 members and 4 alternate members proposed by the Belgian Government, one member proposed by the Bulgarian Government, one member and one alternate member proposed by the Irish Government, one member and one alternate member proposed by the Spanish Government, 14 members and 10 alternate members proposed by the Italian Government and 21 members and 20 alternate members proposed by the Polish Government.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee on 15 January 2020 suggested that the Council adopt the Decision contained in doc. 14986/19, as finalised by legal-linguistic experts, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the United Kingdom abstaining.
6. That Decision will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 297(2) TFEU.
7. This appointment will be followed at a later date by the appointment of the other members and alternate members, whose nominations have not been communicated to the Council by the Member States yet.
