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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council Decision appointing an alternate member, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions - Adoption

1. By letter of 28 April 2025¹, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the end of the national mandate on the basis of which Mr Abraham SCHMAAL, alternate member of the Committee of the Regions, was proposed for appointment and appointed.
2. Under Article 305 TFEU, the Council, acting by a qualified majority on proposals by the respective Member States, appoints members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions.

¹ 8726/25.

3. In accordance with that provision and for the purpose of the replacement of Mr Abraham SCHMAAL, the Dutch Government has proposed² Mr Erik Jan BENNEMA, representative of a regional body who is politically accountable to an elected assembly, *Gedeputeerde, Lid van Gedeputeerde Staten van de provincie Groningen* (Regional Minister of the province of Groningen), as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2030.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to confirm its agreement on the text of the Decision set out in document 9872/25 and to suggest that the Council adopt that Decision as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

² 9201/25.