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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Council Decision appointing two members and four alternate members, proposed by the Republic of Estonia, of the Committee of the Regions - Adoption

1. By letter of 2 February 2026¹, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the end of the national mandates on the basis of which Ms Irina TALVISTE and Mr Tiit TERIK, members of the Committee of the Regions, were proposed for appointment and appointed, and of the end of the national mandates on the basis of which Ms Katrin KRAUSE, Ms Gerli LEHE, Mr Rait PIHELGAS and Mr Urmas SUKLES, alternate members of the Committee of the Regions, were 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 5971/26.

3. In accordance with that provision and for the purpose of filling the vacant posts, the Estonian Government has proposed² to reappoint, on the basis of different national mandates, the following representatives of local bodies who hold a local authority electoral mandate or who are politically accountable to an elected assembly as members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2030: Ms Irina TALVISTE, *Pärnu Linnavolikogu liige* (Member of Pärnu City Council), and Mr Tiit TERIK, *Tallinna linnavalitsuse liige* (Member of Tallinn City Government).
4. Moreover, the Estonian Government has proposed to reappoint, on the basis of different national mandates, the following representatives of local bodies who hold a local authority electoral mandate or who are politically accountable to an elected assembly as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2030: Ms Katrin KRAUSE, *Harku Vallavalitsuse liige* (Member of Harku Rural Municipality Government), Ms Gerli LEHE, *Rae Vallavalitsuse liige* (Member of Rae Rural Municipality Government), Mr Rait PIHEL GAS, *Kambja Vallavolikogu liige* (Member of Kambja Rural Municipality Council), and Mr Urmas SUKLES, *Haapsalu Vallavolikogu liige* (Member of Haapsalu Rural Municipality Council).
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to confirm its agreement on the text of the Decision, as set out in document 6027/26, and to recommend that the Council adopt that Decision as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

² 5597/26.