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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

1. By letter of 1 August 2022, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the resignation of Mr Christopher DREXLER, member of the Committee of the Regions.¹
2. On 21 June 2022, Mr Hannes WENINGER, previously an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions, was appointed as a member. A seat of alternate member has therefore become vacant following his appointment as a member.²
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 by the respective Member States.

¹ 12116/22.

² Council Decision (EU) 2022/1000 of 21 June 2022 appointing a member, proposed by the Republic of Austria, of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 168, 27.6.2022, p. 78).

3. In accordance with that provision and for the purpose of the replacement of Mr Christopher DREXLER, the Austrian Government has proposed³ Mr Werner AMON, representative of a regional body who holds a regional authority electoral mandate, *Landesrat, Steiermärkische Landesregierung* (Member of the Provincial Government, Provincial Government of Styria), as a member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025.
4. Moreover, in accordance with that provision and for the purpose of the replacement of Mr Hannes WENINGER, the Austrian Government has proposed Mr Thomas STEINER, representative of a local body who holds a local authority electoral mandate, *Mitglied des Gemeinderats von Eisenstadt* (Member of the Municipal Council of Eisenstadt), as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025.
5. 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 13089/22 and to suggest that the Council adopts that Decision as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

³ 13084/22.