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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 Kingdom of Spain, of the Committee of the Regions - Adoption

1. By letters of 18 July 2023 and 24 October 2023¹ the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the end of the national mandates on the basis on which Ms Francesca Lluch ARMENGOL i SOCIAS and Mr Francisco Javier LAMBÁN MONTAÑÉS, members of the Committee of the Regions, were proposed for appointment and appointed.
2. By letters of 18 July 2023, 28 July 2023, and 14 November 2023², the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of end of the national mandate on the basis of which Mr Francisco Celso GONZÁLEZ GONZÁLEZ, Mr José Francisco HERRERA ANTONAYA, Mr Julián José ZAFRA DÍAZ and Ms Maria Teresa PÉREZ ESTEBAN, alternate members of the Committee of the Regions, were proposed for appointment and appointed.
3. Under Article 305 TFEU, the Council appoints members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions, acting by a qualified majority on proposals by the respective Member States.

¹ 12171/23 and 14739/23.

² 12171/23, 12271/23 and 15424/23.

3. In accordance with that provision and for the purpose of their replacement, the Spanish Government has proposed³ the following representatives of a regional body who hold a regional authority electoral mandate as members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025: Mr Jorge Antonio AZCÓN NAVARRO, *Presidente de la Comunidad Autónoma de Aragón* (President of the Autonomous Community of Aragón) and Ms Margarita PROHENS RIGO, *Presidenta del Gobierno de las Illes Balears* (President of the Government of the Balearic Islands).
4. Moreover, the Spanish Government has proposed⁴ the following representatives of a regional body who hold a regional authority electoral mandate regional bodies 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 2025: Ms Celia ALBERTO PÉREZ, *Directora General de Asuntos Europeos del Gobierno de Canarias* (Director-General for European Affairs of the Government of the Canary Islands), Ms Esther HERRANZ GARCÍA *Directora General de Fondos y Relaciones con la Unión Europea del Gobierno de La Rioja* (Director-General for Funds and Relations with the European Union of the Government of La Rioja), Ms Tomasa HERNÁNDEZ MARTÍN, *Consejera de Presidencia, Interior y Cultura, Gobierno de Aragón* (Regional Minister for the Presidency, Home Affairs and Culture, Government of Aragon), and Ms Cristina MENÉNDEZ ÁLVAREZ, *Directora General de Cooperación con el Estado y la Unión Europea, Comunidad de Madrid* (Director-General for Cooperation with the State and the European Union, Community of Madrid).
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 14952/23 and to suggest that the Council adopt that Decision as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

³ 14828/23 and 15425/23.

⁴ 14828/23, 15425/23, and 15426/23.