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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION appointing five members and six alternate members,
proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the
Regions

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/...

of ...

**appointing five members
and six alternate members,
proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands,
of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/852 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions¹,

Having regard to the proposals of the Dutch Government,

¹ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13.

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(3) of the Treaty, the Committee of the Regions is to consist of representatives of regional and local bodies who either hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate or are politically accountable to an elected assembly.
- (2) On 10 December 2019, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2019/2157¹, appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025. On 24 April 2020 the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/577² appointing two alternate members, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions. On 29 April 2021 the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2021/721³ appointing a member and an alternate member, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions. On 20 December 2021 the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2021/2294⁴ appointing a member and an alternate member, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions. On 20 June 2022, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2022/1001⁵, appointing a member, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions.
- (3) Five members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the national mandates on the basis of which Mr Johan HAMSTER, Mr Michiel Alexander RIJSBERMAN, Mr Tjisse STELPSTRA, Mr Yde Johan VAN HIJUM and Ms Ilse ZAAL were proposed for appointment.

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2019/2157 of 10 December 2019 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).

² Council Decision (EU) 2020/577 of 24 April 2020 appointing two alternate members, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 134, 28.4.2020, p. 1).

³ Council Decision (EU) 2021/721 of 29 April 2021 appointing a member and an alternate member, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 154, 4.5.2021, p. 3).

⁴ Council Decision (EU) 2021/2294 of 20 December 2021 appointing a member and an alternate member, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 458, 22.12.2021, p. 517).

⁵ Council Decision (EU) 2022/1001 of 21 June 2022 appointing a member, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 168, 27.6.2022, p. 79).

- (4) Six alternate members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the resignation of Mr Maarten VAN GAANS-GIJBELS, and the end of the national mandates on the basis of which Ms Jeannette Nicole BALJEU, Mr Johannes Cornelius Gerardus Maria (John) BERENDS, Mr Klaas FOKKINGA, Ms Anna PIJPELINK, Mr Robertus Cornelis Leonardus STRIJK were proposed for appointment.
- (5) The Dutch Government has proposed the following representatives of regional bodies 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 2025: Mr Rang Friso DOUWSTRA, *Gedeputeerde provincie Fryslân* (Regional Minister of the Province Fryslân), Ms Johanna Everdina MOL, *Gedeputeerde provincie Gelderland* (Regional Minister of the Province Gelderland), Ms Willemina Roziena Catharina STERK, *Gedeputeerde provincie Zuid-Holland* (Regional Minister of the Province Zuid-Holland), Mr Arthur Theodorus Hendrikus VAN DIJK, *Commissaris van de Koning provincie Noord-Holland* (King's Commissioner Province Noord-Holland) and Ms Mariette Elsbeth VAN LEEUWEN *Gedeputeerde provincie Zuid-Holland* (Regional Minister of the Province Zuid-Holland).

- (6) The Dutch Government has proposed the following representatives of 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 Elisabeth Anna Maria Bernard DEMOLLIN-SCHNEIDERS, *Gedeputeerde provincie Limburg* (Regional Minister of the Province Limburg), Mr Erwin Nico Willem HOOGLAND, *Gedeputeerde provincie Overijssel* (Regional Minister of the Province Overijssel), Mr Jan KLOPMAN, *Gedeputeerde provincie Flevoland* (Regional Minister of the Province Flevoland), Mr Wilfried Robert Leonia NIELEN, *Gedeputeerde provincie Zeeland* (Regional Minister of the Province Zeeland), Mr Abraham SCHMAAL, *Gedeputeerde provincie Groningen* (Regional Minister of the Province Groningen) and Mr Egbert VAN DIJK *Gedeputeerde provincie Drenthe* (Regional Minister of the Province Drenthe),

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following representatives of regional bodies who are politically accountable to an elected assembly are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025:

(a) as members:

- Mr Rang Friso DOUWSTRA, *Gedeputeerde provincie Fryslân* (Regional Minister of the Province Fryslân),
- Ms Johanna Everdina MOL, *Gedeputeerde provincie Gelderland* (Regional Minister of the Province Gelderland),
- Ms Willemina Roziena Catharina STERK, *Gedeputeerde provincie Zuid-Holland* (Regional Minister of the Province Zuid-Holland),
- Mr Arthur Theodorus Hendrikus VAN DIJK, *Commissaris van de Koning provincie Noord-Holland* (King's Commissioner Province Noord-Holland),
- Ms Mariette Elsbeth VAN LEEUWEN *Gedeputeerde provincie Zuid-Holland* (Regional Minister of the Province Zuid-Holland).

and

(b) as alternate members:

- Ms Elisabeth Anna Maria Bernard DEMOLLIN-SCHNEIDERS, *Gedeputeerde provincie Limburg* (Regional Minister of the Province Limburg),
- Mr Erwin Nico Willem HOOGLAND, *Gedeputeerde provincie Overijssel* (Regional Minister of the Province Overijssel),
- Mr Jan KLOPMAN, *Gedeputeerde provincie Flevoland* (Regional Minister of the Province Flevoland),
- Mr Wilfried Robert Leonia NIELEN, *Gedeputeerde provincie Zeeland* (Regional Minister of the Province Zeeland),
- Mr Abraham SCHMAAL, *Gedeputeerde provincie Groningen* (Regional Minister of the Province Groningen) and
- Mr Egbert VAN DIJK *Gedeputeerde provincie Drenthe* (Regional Minister of the Province Drenthe),

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
