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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

1. By letters of 12 July 2023¹, 13 July 2023² and 28 July 2023³, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the end of the national mandates on the basis of which Mr Michiel Alexander RIJSBERMAN, Mr Tjisse STELPSTRA, Mr Yde Johan VAN HIJUM and Ms Ilse ZAAL, members of the Committee of the Regions, were proposed for appointment and appointed. In addition, the national mandate on the basis of which Mr Johan HAMSTER was proposed for appointment and appointed ended.

¹ 12172/23.
² 11891/23.
³ 12249/23 and 12250/23.

2. By letter of 11 May 2023⁴, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the resignation of Mr Maarten VAN GAANS-GIJBELS, alternate member of the Committee of the Regions. By letters of 4 July 2023⁵, 12 July 2023⁶, 28 July 2023⁷ and 8 September 2023⁸, 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 Jeannette Nicole BALJEU, Mr Johannes Cornelius Gerardus Maria (John) BERENDS, Mr Klaas FOKKINGA, Ms Anna PIJPELINK and Mr Robertus Cornelis Leonardus STRIJK, 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.
4. In accordance with that provision and for the purpose of their replacement, the Dutch Government has proposed⁹ 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).

⁴ 9538/23.
⁵ 11542/23.
⁶ 11803/23.
⁷ 12248/23 + 12249/23.
⁸ 12819/23.
⁹ 14938/23.

5. Moreover, the Dutch Government has proposed¹⁰ 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).
6. 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 14976/23 and to suggest that the Council adopt that Decision as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.
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¹⁰ 14938/23.