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**'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

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

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1. By letter of 6 March 2026<sup>1</sup>, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the end of the national mandate on the basis of which Ms Willemina Roziëna Catharina STERK, member of the Committee of the Regions, was 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 7341/26.

3. In accordance with that provision and for the purpose of the replacement of Ms Willemina Roziena Catharina STERK, the Dutch Government has proposed<sup>2</sup> Mr Gijs DE KRUIF, representative of a regional body who is politically accountable to an elected assembly, *Gedeputeerde, Lid van Gedeputeerde Staten van de provincie Utrecht* (Regional Minister of the province of Utrecht), as a member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2030.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to confirm its agreement on the text of the Decision, as set out in document 8493/26, and to suggest that the Council adopt that Decision as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

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<sup>2</sup> 8393/26.