

**COUNCIL DECISION**  
**of 2 October 2003**  
**appointing an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions**

(2003/717/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 263 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Spanish Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 22 January 2002 <sup>(1)</sup> the Council adopted a Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions.
- (2) The seat of a member of the Committee of the Regions has fallen vacant following the expiry of the mandate of Mr Juan José FERNÁNDEZ GÓMEZ, of which the Council was notified on 23 September 2003,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Ms Dolores GOROSTIAGA SAIZ, Vicepresidenta — Gobierno de Cantabria, is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Juan José FERNÁNDEZ GÓMEZ for the remainder of his term of office, which ends on 25 January 2006.

Done at Brussels, 2 October 2003.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
G. PISANU

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 26.1.2002, p. 38.