

**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**

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 Regions <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the proposal of the Dutch Government,

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) 2019/2157 <sup>(2)</sup>, appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025.
- (3) A member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the national mandate on the basis of which Mr Andy DRITTY was proposed for appointment.
- (4) The Dutch Government has proposed Mr Henk STAGHOUWER, representative of a regional body who is politically accountable to an elected assembly, *gedeputeerde provincie Groningen* (member of the Groningen Provincial Executive), as a member of the Committee of the Regions until 15 March 2023.
- (5) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions will become vacant following the appointment of Mr Henk STAGHOUWER as a member of the Committee of the Regions.
- (6) The Dutch Government has proposed Mr Maarten VAN GAANS-GIJBELS, representative of a regional body who is politically accountable to an elected assembly, *gedeputeerde provincie Limburg* (member of the Limburg Provincial Executive), as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions until 15 March 2023,

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 until 15 March 2023:

(a) as a member:

— Mr Henk STAGHOUWER, *gedeputeerde provincie Groningen* (member of the Groningen Provincial Executive),

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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).

and

(b) as an alternate member:

— Mr Maarten VAN GAANS-GIJBELS, *gedeputeerde provincie Limburg* (member of the Limburg Provincial Executive).

*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 2021.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
A. VIZJAK

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