COUNCIL DECISION

of 17 February 2005

appointing six Belgian members and eight Belgian alternate members of the Committee of the Regions

(2005/159/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 Belgian Government,

Whereas:

(1) On 22 January 2002 the Council adopted Decision 2002/60/EC [1] appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions.

(2) One seat as a member and one seat as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the resignation of Mr Frans RAMON, member, notified to the Council on 8 September 2004 and of Mr Jos BEX, alternate member, notified to the Council on 3 February 2005, and five seats as members and seven seats as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the expiry of the mandates of Mr Paul VAN GREMBERGEN (BE), Mr Bart SOMERS (BE), Mr Stefaan PLATTEAU (BE), Mr Xavier DESGAIN (BE) and Mr Hervé HASQUIN (BE), members, and of Mr Jacques TIMMERMANS (BE), Mr André DENYS, Ms Josée VERCAMMEN, Mr Serge KUBLA, Mr Rudy DEMOTTE, Mr Jean-Marc NOLLET and Mr Bernd GENTGES, alternate members, notified to the Council on 24 January 2005,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The following are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions:

a) as members:

Mr Yves LETERME
Minister-President van de Vlaamse Regering en Vlaams Minister van Institutionele Hervormingen, Landbouw, Zeevisserij en Plattelandsbeleid
to replace Mr Frans RAMON

Mr Bart SOMERS
Vlaams Volksvertegenwoordiger
(on the basis of his new mandate as a member of the Flemish Parliament)

Ms Fientje MOERMAN
Vice-Minister-President van de Vlaamse Regering en Vlaams Minister van Economie, Ondernemen, Wetenschap, Innovatie en Buitenlandse Handel
to replace Mr Stefaan PLATTEAU

Mr Geert BOURGEOIS
Vlaams Minister van Bestuurzaken, Buitenlands Beleid, Media en Tourisme
to replace Mr Paul VAN GREMBERGEN

Mr Michel LEBRUN
Député wallon
to replace Mr Xavier DESGAIN

[1] OJ L 24, 26.1.2002, p. 38.

Mr Jean-François ISTASSE
Président du Parlement de la Communauté française
to replace Mr Hervé HASQUIN;

b) as alternate members:

Mr Johan SAUWENS
Vlaams Volksvertegenwoordiger
to replace Mr André DENYS

Mr Bart CARON
Vlaams Volksvertegenwoordiger
to replace Mr Jacques TIMMERMANS

Mr Stefaan PLATTEAU
Burgemeester,
to replace Ms Josée VERCAMMEN

Ms Marie-Dominique SIMONET
Ministre de la Recherche, des Technologies nouvelles et des relations extérieures du Gouvernement wallon
to replace Mr Serge KUBLA

Mr Maurice BAYENET
Député au Parlement de la Communauté française
to replace Mr Jean-Marc NOLLET

Mr Béa DIALLO
Député au Parlement de la Communauté française
to replace Mr Rudy DEMOTTE

Mr Claude DESAMA
Bourgmestre de Verviers
to replace Mr Bernd GENTGES

Mr Jan ROEGIERS
Vlaams Volksvertegenwoordiger
to replace Mr Jos BEX

for the remainder of their term of office, which runs until 25 January 2006.

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2005.

For the Council
The President
J.-C. JUNCKER