COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/1695

of 4 October 2019

appointing four members and five alternate members, 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 the proposal of the Government of the Netherlands,

Whereas:

(1) On 26 January 2015, 5 February 2015 and 23 June 2015, the Council adopted Decisions (EU) 2015/116 ([1]), (EU) 2015/190 ([2]) and (EU) 2015/994 ([3]) appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020. On 18 September 2015, by Council Decision (EU) 2015/1573 ([4]), Ms Hester MAIJ, Mr Bert GIJSBERTS, Mr Ralph DE VRIES and Mr Bote WILPSTRA were replaced by Mr Michiel SCHEFFER, Mr Theo BOVENS, Mr John JORRITSMA and Mr Cees LOGGEN as members, and Ms Elvira SWEET, Ms Annemieke TRAAG, Mr Theo BOVENS and Mr Hans KONST were replaced by Mr Erik LIEVERS, Ms Mariëtte PENNARTS-POUW, Mr Michiel RIJSBERMAN and Mr Ard VAN DER TUUK as alternate members. On 18 July 2016, by Council Decision (EU) 2016/1205 ([5]), Mr Ard VAN DER TUUK was replaced by Mr Tjisse STELPSTRA as an alternate member. On 7 October 2016, by Council Decision (EU) 2016/1816 ([6]), Mr John JORRITSMA was replaced by Mr Klaas KIELSTRA as a member. On 25 September 2017, by Council Decision (EU) 2017/1765 ([7]), Mr Michiel SCHEFFER was replaced by Ms Annemieke TRAAG as a member and Mr Erik LIEVERS was replaced by Mr Michiel SCHEFFER as an alternate member.

(2) Four member's seat on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the terms of office of Ms Annemieke TRAAG, Mr Klaas KIELSTRA, Mr Theo BOVENS and Mr Cees LOGGEN.

(3) Three alternate members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the terms of office of Ms Mariëtte PENNARTS-POUW, Mr Michiel SCHEFFER and Mr Ben DE REU.

(4) Two alternate members' seat have become vacant following the appointment of Mr Michiel RIJSBERMAN and Mr Tjisse STELPSTRA as members of the Committee of the Regions,

([1]) Council Decision (EU) 2015/116 of 26 January 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 20, 27.1.2015, p. 42).
([2]) Council Decision (EU) 2015/190 of 5 February 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 31, 7.2.2015, p. 25).
([3]) Council Decision (EU) 2015/994 of 23 June 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 159, 25.6.2015, p. 70).
([4]) Council Decision (EU) 2015/1573 of 18 September 2015 appointing four Dutch members and five Dutch alternate members of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 245, 22.9.2015, p. 10).
([5]) Council Decision (EU) 2016/1205 of 18 July 2016 appointing two alternate members, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 198, 23.7.2016, p. 46).
([6]) Council Decision (EU) 2016/1816 of 7 October 2016 appointing a member, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 278, 14.10.2016, p. 44).
([7]) Council Decision (EU) 2017/1765 of 25 September 2017 appointing two members and two alternate members, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 250, 28.9.2017, p. 59).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:

(a) as members:

— Mr Michiel RIJSBERMAN, *gedeputeerde Flevoland*,

— Mr Tjisse STELPSTRA, *gedeputeerde Drenthe*,

— Mr Andy DRITTY, *gedeputeerde Limburg*,

— Ms Christianne VAN DER WAL, *gedeputeerde Gelderland*,

(b) as alternate members:

— Mr Johannes KRAMER, *gedeputeerde Fryslân*,

— Ms Anita PIJPELINK, *gedeputeerde Zeeland*,

— Mr Robert STRIJK, *gedeputeerde Utrecht*,

— Mr Jack VAN DER HOEK, *gedeputeerde Noord-Holland*,

— Mr Eddy VAN HIJUM, *gedeputeerde Overijssel*.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 4 October 2019.

For the Council
The President
K. MIKKONEN