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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/2679

of 27 November 2023

**appointing a member and an alternate member, proposed by the Republic of Estonia, 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 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposal of the Estonian 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 ⁽²⁾, appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025. On 14 March 2022, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2022/689 ⁽³⁾, appointing a member and two alternate members, proposed by the Republic of Estonia, of the Committee of the Regions.
- (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 Mart VÕRKLAEV was proposed for appointment.
- (4) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Ms Piret RAMMUL.
- (5) The Estonian Government has proposed Ms Katrin KRAUSE, representative of a local body who is politically accountable to an elected assembly, *Harku vallavanem* (Mayor of Harku Rural Municipality), as a member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025.
- (6) The Estonian Government has proposed Mr Mikk JÄRV, representative of a local body who is politically accountable to an elected assembly, *Kanepi vallavanem* (Mayor of Kanepi Rural Municipality), as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following representatives of local bodies who are politically accountable to an elected assembly are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025:

(a) as a member:

— Ms Katrin KRAUSE, *Harku vallavanem* (Mayor of Harku Rural Municipality),

and

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ 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).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2022/689 of 14 March 2022 appointing a member and two alternate members, proposed by the Republic of Estonia, of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 128, 2.5.2022, p. 1).

(b) as an alternate member:

— Mr Mikk JÄRV, *Kanepi vallavanem* (Mayor of Kanepi Rural Municipality),

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 27 November 2023.

For the Council
The President
X. MÉNDEZ BÉRTOLO
