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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2026/2174

of 22 September 2026

appointing two alternate members, proposed by the Kingdom of Spain, 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 Spanish 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 2024, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2025/71 ([2]), appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2025 to 25 January 2030.

(3) Two alternate members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the national mandate on the basis of which Mr Carlos MARTÍNEZ MÍNGUEZ and Mr Adrián Ariel ZITTELLI FERRARI were proposed for appointment.

(4) The Spanish Government has proposed the following representatives of regional or local bodies who hold a local authority electoral mandate or who are politically accountable to an elected assembly as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2030: Mr Francisco Javier AYALA ORTEGA, *Alcalde de Fuenlabrada, Madrid, España* (Mayor of Fuenlabrada, Madrid, Spain), and Ms María Cruz FERREIRA COSTA, *Directora general de Unión Europea de la Región de Murcia* (Director General for European Union of the Region of Murcia),

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following representatives of regional or local bodies who hold an electoral mandate or who are politically accountable to an elected assembly are hereby appointed as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2030:

— Mr Francisco Javier AYALA ORTEGA, *Alcalde de Fuenlabrada, Madrid, España* (Mayor of Fuenlabrada, Madrid, Spain), and

— Ms María Cruz FERREIRA COSTA, *Directora general de Unión Europea de la Región de Murcia* (Director General for European Union of the Region of Murcia).

([1]) OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2019/852/oj.
([2]) Council Decision (EU) 2025/71 of 10 December 2024 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2025 to 25 January 2030 (OJ L, 2025/71, 16.1.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2025/71/oj).

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 22 September 2026.

For the Council
The President
T. BYRNE