DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2021/2250

of 14 December 2021

appointing a member and two alternate members, proposed by the Republic of Finland, 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 Finnish 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.

(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 Ms Satu HAAPANEN was proposed for appointment.

(4) An alternate 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 Joonas HONKIMAA was proposed for appointment.

(5) The Finnish Government has proposed Ms Niina RATILAINEN, representative of a local body who holds a local authority electoral mandate, *Turun kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen* (member of a local assembly, Turku City Council), 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) An alternate member's seat will become vacant following the appointment of Ms Niina RATILAINEN as a member of the Committee of the Regions.

(7) The Finnish Government has proposed the following representatives of local bodies who hold a local authority electoral mandate as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025: Mr Manu HUUHILO, *Kouvolan kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen* (member of a local assembly, Kouvola City Council), and Ms Eeva-Liisa NIEMINEN, *Tuusulan kunnanvaltuuston jäsen* (member of a local assembly, Tuusula Municipal Council),

([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).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following representatives of local bodies who hold an electoral mandate 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 Niina RATILAINEN, representative of a local body who holds a local authority electoral mandate, *Turun kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen* (member of a local assembly, Turku City Council),

and

(b) as alternate members:

— Mr Manu HUUHILO, *Kouvolan kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen* (member of a local assembly, Kouvola City Council),

— Ms Eeva-Liisa NIEMINEN, *Tuusulan kunnanvaltuuston jäsen* (member of a local assembly, Tuusula Municipal Council).

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 14 December 2021.

For the Council
The President
G. DOVŽAN