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II

(Non-legislative acts)

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2020/619

of 30 April 2020

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Implementation Committee established pursuant to Article 18 of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on forest law enforcement, governance and trade as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Implementation Committee

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(3) and the first subparagraph of Article 207(4) in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on forest law enforcement, governance and trade ('the Agreement') was concluded by the Union by means of Council Decision (EU) 2019/854 ⁽¹⁾ and entered into force on 1 June 2019.
- (2) The Joint Implementation Committee established pursuant to Article 18(1) of the Agreement ('the JIC') is to establish its rules of procedure in accordance with Article 18(3) of the Agreement.
- (3) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the JIC, as the rules of procedure of the JIC will be binding on the Union.
- (4) It is appropriate for the Union to support the adoption of the rules of procedure, which will ensure smooth and transparent collaboration between the Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam from the outset on the implementation of the Agreement and eventually on the implementation of the forest law enforcement, governance and trade licensing scheme,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Joint Implementation Committee established pursuant to Article 18 of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on forest law enforcement, governance and trade shall be to support the adoption of the rules of procedure of the JIC ⁽²⁾.
2. Minor non-substantive changes to the draft rules of procedure may be agreed to, in the light of developments at the upcoming JIC meeting, by representatives of the Union, in consultation with Member States, during on-the-spot coordination meetings, without a further decision of the Council.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2019/854 of 15 April 2019 on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on forest law enforcement, governance and trade (OJ L 147, 5.6.2019, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ See document ST 7027/20 at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 30 April 2020.

For the Council
The President
G. GRLIĆ RADMAN

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2020/620**of 4 May 2020****appointing a member and an alternate member, proposed by the Republic of Austria, 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 Austrian Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 10 December 2019, 20 January 2020, 3 February 2020 and 26 March 2020, the Council adopted Decisions (EU) 2019/2157 ⁽¹⁾, (EU) 2020/102 ⁽²⁾, (EU) 2020/144 ⁽³⁾ and (EU) 2020/511 ⁽⁴⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025.
- (2) A member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Mr Markus ACHLEITNER.
- (3) An alternate member's seat has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Mr Viktor SIGL,

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 2025:

(a) as a member:

— Mr Thomas STELZER, Member of a Regional Executive holding an electoral mandate: *State Government of Upper Austria*;

(b) as an alternate member:

— Mr Markus ACHLEITNER, Member of a Regional Executive holding an electoral mandate: *State Government of Upper Austria*.*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels, 4 May 2020.

For the Council
The President
G. GRLIĆ RADMAN

⁽¹⁾ 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).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2020/102 of 20 January 2020 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 20, 24.1.2020, p. 2).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2020/144 of 3 February 2020 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 32, 4.2.2020, p. 16).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2020/511 of 26 March 2020 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 113, 8.4.2020, p. 18).

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