



**European Committee
of the Regions**

The Secretary General ad interim

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Dear Ms McGoldrick,

I thank you for your letter, dated 5 November 2019, concerning the allocated seats for Northern Ireland Representatives in the European Committee of the Regions.

I would like to inform you that Article 305 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union foresees that it is up to the Council of the European Union to appoint the members of the European Committee of the Regions, in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State.

The members of the European Committee of the Regions, besides being representatives of regional or local bodies, either hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate, or are politically accountable to an elected assembly.

In this context, the United Kingdom Permanent Representation to the European Union shall submit a proposal to the Council Secretariat in accordance with the procedures established by the Council.

Yours sincerely,

Pedro Cervilla