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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Draft Council Decision amending the Council's Rules of procedure

Delegations will find attached the Draft Council Decision amending the Council's Rules of procedure.

COUNCIL DECISION
of
amending the Council's Rules of Procedure
(2014/x/EU)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 240(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) From 1 November 2014, when an act is to be adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority, it must be verified that the Member States constituting the qualified majority represent at least 65 % of the total population of the Union.

- (2) Until 31 March 2017, when an act is to be adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority, a member of the Council may request that it be adopted in accordance with the qualified majority as defined in Article 3(3) of Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions. In that case, a member of the Council may request that a check be made to ensure that the Member States comprising the qualified majority represent at least 62% of the total population of the Union.

- (3) To calculate those percentages, the population figures and the percentages that they represent as regards the total population of the Union should be set out in the Council's Rules of Procedure¹ (hereinafter referred to as "Rules of Procedure").
- (4) The Rules of Procedure should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Council's Rules of Procedure are amended as follows:

- 1) Article 11(5) of the Council's Rules of Procedure shall be replaced by the following text:

"5. Where a decision is to be adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority, the percentages of the population of the Union and of Member States shall be calculated according to the population figures set out in Annex III.

¹ Council Decision of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35, as amended.

Any request made by a member of the Council pursuant to Article 3(2) of Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions shall be communicated in writing to the Secretary-General or be made orally at a meeting of Coreper or of the Council. Any request made orally shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting."

- 2) The following new paragraph 6 shall be added to Article 11:

"6. With effect from 1 January each year, the Council shall, in accordance with the data available to the Statistical Office of the European Union on 30 September of the preceding year, amend the figures set out in Annex III. This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal."

- 3) Annex III shall be replaced by the following:

"ANNEX III

Figures concerning the total population of the Union and the population of each Member State for implementing the provisions concerning qualified majority voting in the Council

For the purposes of implementing Article 16(4) TEU, Article 238(2) and (3) of the TFEU and Article 3(2) of Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions, the total population of the Union and the population of each Member State, as well as the percentage of each Member State's population in relation to the total population of the Union, shall be as follows for the period from 1 November 2014 to 31 December 2014:

Member State	Population (x 1 000)	Percentage of the total population of the Union
Germany	80 523,7	15,93
France	65 633,2	12,98
United Kingdom	63 730,1	12,61
Italy	59 685,2	11,81
Spain	46 704,3	9,24
Poland	38 533,3	7,62
Romania	20 057,5	3,97
Netherlands	16 779,6	3,32

Belgium	11 161,6	2,21
Greece	11 062,5	2,19
Czech Republic	10 516,1	2,08
Portugal	10 487,3	2,07
Hungary	9 908,8	1,96
Sweden	9 555,9	1,89
Austria	8 451,9	1,67
Bulgaria	7 284,6	1,44
Denmark	5 602,6	1,11
Finland	5 426,7	1,07
Slovakia	5 410,8	1,07
Ireland	4 591,1	0,91
Croatia	4 262,1	0,84
Lithuania	2 971,9	0,59
Slovenia	2 058,8	0,41

Latvia	2 023,8	0,40
Estonia	1 324,8	0,26
Cyprus	865,9	0,17
Luxembourg	537,0	0,11
Malta	421,4	0,08
Total	505 572,5	100
Threshold 62%	313 455,0	
Threshold 65%	328 622,1	

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

It shall apply from 1 November 2014.

Done at Brussels, [date].

For the Council

The President
