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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION amending the Council's Rules of Procedure

COUNCIL DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2026/…

of …

amending the Council's Rules of Procedure

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union,

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

Whereas:

(1) When an act is to be adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority, it has to be verified that the Member States constituting the qualified majority represent at least 65 % of the population of the Union.

(2) That percentage is calculated according to the population figures set out in Annex III to the Council's Rules of Procedure[1] (the 'Rules of Procedure').

(3) Article 11(6) of the Rules of Procedure provides that, with effect from 1 January each year, the Council is to amend the figures set out in Annex III thereto, in accordance with the data available to the Statistical Office of the European Union on 30 September of the preceding year.

(4) The Rules of Procedure should therefore be amended accordingly for the year 2027.

(5) In accordance with Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, Article 240 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies to the European Atomic Energy Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

[1] Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure (OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2009/937/oj).

Article 1

Annex III to the Rules of Procedure is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX III

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

Member State	Population	Indicative percentage of the population of the Union (%)
Germany	83 415 684	18,38
France	69 112 309	15,23
Italy	59 762 989	13,17
Spain	49 596 376	10,93
Poland	37 289 701	8,22
Romania	19 041 322	4,20
Netherlands	18 277 969	4,03
Belgium	11 955 308	2,63
Portugal	11 424 031	2,52
Czechia	10 931 023	2,41
Sweden	10 586 000	2,33
Greece	10 366 586	2,28
Hungary	9 488 428	2,09

Member State	Population	Indicative percentage of the population of the Union (%)
Austria	9 197 500	2,03
Bulgaria	6 423 207	1,42
Denmark	6 016 030	1,33
Finland	5 632 881	1,24
Ireland	5 511 056	1,21
Slovakia	5 441 257	1,20
Croatia	3 876 002	0,85
Lithuania	2 887 592	0,64
Slovenia	2 135 107	0,47
Latvia	1 845 096	0,41
Estonia	1 360 745	0,30
Cyprus	997 361	0,22
Luxembourg	689 189	0,15
Malta	588 254	0,13
EU 27	453 849 003	
Threshold (65 %)	295 001 852	

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Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2027.

Done at …, …

For the Council
The President