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WRITTEN PROCEDURE

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Subject: WRITTEN PROCEDURE for the adoption of a Council Decision amending the Council's Rules of Procedure
- Updating the table of the population of the Member States for 2013

According to Article 2(2) of Annex III to the Council's Rules of Procedure¹ the Council shall, with effect from 1 January each year, amend the figures of the total population contained in Article 1 of that Annex in accordance with the data available to the Statistical Office of the European Union on 30 September of the preceding year. Those figures serve the purpose of implementing Article 16(5) TEU and Article 3(3) and (4) of the Protocol (No 36) on transitional provisions annexed to the Treaties.

In view of the urgency of the matter the Presidency has proposed using a written procedure pursuant to Article 12 of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

Please state whether you agree to:

- the use of the written procedure;
- the adoption of the above Council Decision, as set out after legal and linguistic editing in doc. 18130/12 JUR 653 INST 756 OC 776.

¹ OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35.

Please answer "YES" or "NO" **to each of the above two questions**; you may also reply **"ABSTAIN"** on the second question.

Any unilateral statements should be made separately.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council **by 17h00 on Monday 14 January 2013**, either by fax to [+32.2.281.6160] or by e-mail to: [chantal.dhondt@consilium.europa.eu].

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