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from: General Secretariat of the Council  
to: COREPER/COUNCIL

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Subject: DRAFT EUROPEAN COUNCIL DECISION establishing the composition of the  
European Parliament  
- Political agreement  
- Consent of the European Parliament

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1. According to Article 14(2) TEU:

*"The European Parliament shall be composed of representatives of the Union's citizens. They shall not exceed seven hundred and fifty in number, plus the President. Representation of citizens shall be degressively proportional, with a minimum threshold of six members per Member State. No Member State shall be allocated more than ninety-six seats.*

*The European Council shall adopt by unanimity, on the initiative of the European Parliament and with its consent, a decision establishing the composition of the European Parliament, respecting the principles referred to in the first subparagraph."*

2. The total number of members of the European Parliament has been provisionally brought to 754 until the end of the 2009-2014 parliamentary term<sup>1</sup>. After the accession of Croatia to the European Union on 1 July 2013, the number of members of the European Parliament shall be increased by 12 members from Croatia, for the period running from the date of accession until the end of the 2009-2014 term of the European Parliament<sup>2</sup>. The European Parliament will therefore have 766 members.
3. In view of the incoming expiry of the above mentioned transitional provisions, the European Council needs to adopt a decision based on Article 14(2) TEU ahead of the 2014 European Parliament's elections.
4. At its sitting of 13 March 2013, the European Parliament adopted on the basis of Article 14(2) TEU a Proposal for a decision of the European Council establishing the composition of the European Parliament<sup>3</sup>.
5. Coreper/Council is invited to recommend to the European Council that it:
  - politically agrees on the draft European Council Decision establishing the composition of the European Parliament, as set out in document EUCO 110/13; and
  - seeks the consent of the European Parliament on the above mentioned draft European Council Decision.

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<sup>1</sup> Article 2(1) of Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions.

<sup>2</sup> Article 19(1) of the Treaty concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

<sup>3</sup> Doc. 8649/13.