



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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INST 642**

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From: Antici Group
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject: Council Decision amending the Council's Rules of Procedure
- Updating the table of the population of the Member States for the period
from 1 January 2014 to 31 October 2014

1. Article 2(2) of Annex III to the Council's Rules of Procedure, on detailed rules for implementing the provisions concerning the weighting of votes in the Council, provides that, 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 Article 1 of that Annex.
2. On the basis of the figures from the Statistical Office of the European Union forwarded by the Commission, the Antici Group reached agreement at its meeting on 19 November 2013 on the text of the Decision, set out in 16003/13 JUR 581 INST 590 after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts.

3. As from 1 November 2014, and subject to the provisions laid down in Article 3(2) of Protocol (No 36) on transitional provisions, qualified majority shall be defined in accordance with Article 16(4) of the Treaty on European Union, which will require a review of provisions in the Rules of Procedure dealing with voting. The new Annex III set out in the Decision therefore only covers the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 October 2014.
 4. Coreper is invited to recommend that the Council adopt the Decision, as set out in 16003/13 JUR 581 INST 590, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
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