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## **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2023/...**

**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 (the 'Rules of Procedure')<sup>1</sup>.
- (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 that Annex, 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 2024.
- (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:

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure (OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

## 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 | Percentage of the population of the Union (%) |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Germany      | 84 311 244 | 18,72                                         |
| France       | 68 070 697 | 15,11                                         |
| Italy        | 59 691 110 | 13,25                                         |
| Spain        | 48 063 694 | 10,67                                         |
| Poland       | 37 723 532 | 8,37                                          |
| Romania      | 19 051 562 | 4,23                                          |
| Netherlands  | 17 956 453 | 3,99                                          |
| Belgium      | 11 754 004 | 2,61                                          |
| Czechia      | 10 833 385 | 2,40                                          |
| Sweden       | 10 541 000 | 2,34                                          |
| Portugal     | 10 516 621 | 2,33                                          |
| Greece       | 10 415 585 | 2,31                                          |
| Hungary      | 9 599 744  | 2,13                                          |

| Member State     | Population  | Percentage of the population of the Union (%) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Austria          | 9 087 000   | 2,02                                          |
| Bulgaria         | 6 498 567   | 1,44                                          |
| Denmark          | 5 921 952   | 1,31                                          |
| Finland          | 5 593 070   | 1,24                                          |
| Slovakia         | 5 454 629   | 1,21                                          |
| Ireland          | 5 194 336   | 1,15                                          |
| Croatia          | 3 850 894   | 0,85                                          |
| Lithuania        | 2 857 279   | 0,63                                          |
| Slovenia         | 2 116 972   | 0,47                                          |
| Latvia           | 1 883 008   | 0,42                                          |
| Estonia          | 1 365 884   | 0,3                                           |
| Cyprus           | 920 701     | 0,2                                           |
| Luxembourg       | 658 278     | 0,15                                          |
| Malta            | 542 051     | 0,12                                          |
| EU 27            | 450 473 252 |                                               |
| Threshold (65 %) | 292 807 614 |                                               |

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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 2024.

Done at ...,

*For the Council*  
*The President*

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