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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Council Decision amending the Council's Rules of Procedure
- Update of the table of the population of the Member States for the period
from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

1. Article 11(6) of the Rules of Procedure of 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 Annex III to the Rules of Procedure.
2. On the basis of the figures from the Statistical Office of the European Union forwarded by the Commission on 26 October 2020 (document 12921/20), the Antici group reached agreement at its meeting on 24 November 2019 on the text of the Decision as set out in the Annex to this Note.
3. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - to confirm its agreement on the text of the Decision as set out in the Annex to this Note, subject to the finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts; and
 - decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430 that the Council uses the written procedure for its adoption.

COUNCIL DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2020/...

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')¹.
- (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 2021, in accordance with Article 240(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
- (5) In accordance with Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, Article 240 TFEU 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).

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	83 100 961	18,54
France	67 098 824	14,97
Italy	60 897 891	13,58
Spain	47 329 981	10,56
Poland	37 958 138	8,47
Romania	19 317 984	4,31
Netherlands	17 549 457	3,91
Belgium	11 549 888	2,58
Greece	10 709 739	2,39
Czech Republic	10 557 001	2,35
Sweden	10 330 000	2,30
Portugal	10 295 909	2,30
Hungary	9 769 526	2,18

Member State	Population	Percentage of the population of the Union (%)
Austria	8 897 000	1,98
Bulgaria	6 951 482	1,55
Denmark	5 816 443	1,30
Finland	5 521 292	1,23
Slovakia	5 457 873	1,22
Ireland	4 964 440	1,11
Croatia	4 058 165	0,91
Lithuania	2 794 090	0,62
Slovenia	2 095 861	0,47
Latvia	1 907 675	0,43
Estonia	1 328 976	0,30
Cyprus	888 005	0,20
Luxembourg	623 962	0,14
Malta	514 564	0,11
EU 27	448 285 127	
Threshold (65 %)	291 385 333	

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 2021.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President