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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
On:	7 November 2025
Subject:	Council Decision amending the Council's Rules of Procedure - Update of the population figures of the Union and of the Member States for the purposes of qualified majority voting in the Council for the period from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026 - Adoption

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 (Eurostat) 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 Eurostat forwarded by the Commission on 14 October 2025¹, the Antici group reached agreement at its meeting on 4 November 2025 on the text of the draft Decision.
3. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the text of the Decision, as set out in document 14513/25; and
 - recommend that the Council adopt that Decision as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

¹ 14000/25