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

COUNCIL DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2025/...

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 Procedure¹ (the 'Rules of Procedure').
- (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 Annex III thereto, 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 2026.
- (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:

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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2009/937/oj>).

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	Indicative percentage of the population of the Union (%)
Germany	83 502 300	18,47
France	68 635 943	15,18
Italy	59 635 202	13,19
Spain	49 093 546	10,86
Poland	37 475 594	8,29
Romania	19 036 031	4,21
Netherlands	18 191 086	4,02
Belgium	11 900 123	2,63
Czechia	10 921 096	2,42
Portugal	10 749 635	2,38
Sweden	10 583 000	2,34
Greece	10 409 547	2,30
Hungary	9 539 502	2,11

Member State	Population	Indicative percentage of the population of the Union (%)
Austria	9 180 000	2,03
Bulgaria	6 437 360	1,42
Denmark	5 985 790	1,32
Finland	5 626 971	1,24
Slovakia	5 456 246	1,21
Ireland	5 440 278	1,20
Croatia	3 874 350	0,86
Lithuania	2 890 664	0,64
Slovenia	2 130 850	0,47
Latvia	1 860 565	0,41
Estonia	1 369 995	0,30
Cyprus	982 966	0,22
Luxembourg	680 084	0,15
Malta	574 250	0,13
EU 27	452 162 74	
Threshold (65 %)	293 905 933	

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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 2026.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President
