



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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INST 496**

LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

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

COUNCIL DECISION

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,

Having regard to Article 2(2) of Annex III to the Council's Rules of Procedure¹,

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).

Whereas:

- (1) Article 3(3), fourth subparagraph, of the Protocol (No 36) on transitional provisions annexed to the Treaties provides that, until 31 October 2014, when an act is to be adopted by the Council by a qualified majority, and if a member of the Council so requests, it shall be verified that the Member States constituting the qualified majority represent at least 62 % of the total population of the Union calculated according to the population figures set out in Article 1 of Annex III to the Council's Rules of Procedure (hereinafter "Rules of Procedure").
- (2) Article 2(2) of Annex III to the Rules of Procedure provides that, with effect from 1 January each year, the Council, in accordance with the data available to the Statistical Office of the European Union on 30 September of the preceding year, amends the figures set out in Article 1 of that Annex.
- (3) The Rules of Procedure should therefore be amended accordingly for 2011,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 1 of Annex III to the Rules of Procedure shall be replaced by the following:

"Article 1

For the purposes of implementing Article 16(5) of the TEU and Article 3(3) and (4) of the Protocol (No 36) on transitional provisions, the total population of each Member State for the period from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 shall be as follows:

Member State	Population (X 1 000)
Germany	81 802,3
France	64 714,1
United Kingdom	62 008,0
Italy	60 340,3
Spain	45 989,0
Poland	38 167,3
Romania	21 462,2
Netherlands	16 575,0
Greece	11 305,1
Belgium	10 827,0
Portugal	10 637,7
Czech Republic	10 506,8
Hungary	10 014,3
Sweden	9 340,7
Austria	8 375,3
Bulgaria	7 563,7
Denmark	5 534,7

Member State	Population (X 1 000)
Slovakia	5 424,9
Finland	5 351,4
Ireland	4 467,9
Lithuania	3 329,0
Latvia	2 248,4
Slovenia	2 047,0
Estonia	1 340,1
Cyprus	803,1
Luxembourg	502,1
Malta	413,0
Total	501 090,4
Threshold (62 %)	310 676,1

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Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2011.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President
