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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) In view of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union, Annex III to the Rules of Procedure should also include the figures applicable from the day following that on which the Treaties cease to apply to the United Kingdom.

(5) The Rules of Procedure should therefore be amended accordingly for the year 2020.

(6) 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:

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

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2019/2209. (See end of Document for details)*

FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALIFIED MAJORITY VOTING IN THE COUNCIL

1. For the purposes of implementing Article 16(4) TEU and Article 238(2) and (3) TFEU, the population of the Union and the population of each Member State, as well as the percentage of each Member State's population in relation to the population of the Union, for the period from 1 January 2020 until the date on which the Treaties cease to apply to the United Kingdom or until 31 December 2020, at the latest, shall be as follows:

Member State	**Population**	**Percentage of the population of the Union (%)**
Germany	82 940 663	16,13
France	67 028 048	13,04
United Kingdom	66 647 112	12,96
Italy	61 068 437	11,88
Spain	46 934 632	9,13
Poland	37 972 812	7,39
Romania	19 405 156	3,77
Netherlands	17 423 013	3,39
Belgium	11 467 923	2,23
Greece	10 722 287	2,09
Czechia	10 528 984	2,05
Portugal	10 276 617	2,00
Sweden	10 243 000	1,99
Hungary	9 772 756	1,90
Austria	8 842 000	1,72
Bulgaria	7 000 039	1,36
Denmark	5 799 763	1,13
Finland	5 512 119	1,07
Slovakia	5 450 421	1,06
Ireland	4 904 240	0,95
Croatia	4 076 246	0,79
Lithuania	2 794 184	0,54
Slovenia	2 080 908	0,40
Latvia	1 919 968	0,37
Estonia	1 324 820	0,26
Cyprus	875 898	0,17

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Luxembourg	612 179	0,12
Malta	493 559	0,10
EU 28	514 117 784	
Threshold (65 %)	334 176 560	

2. For the purposes of implementing Article 16(4) TEU and Article 238(2) and (3) TFEU, the population of the Union and the population of each Member State, as well as the percentage of each Member State's population in relation to the population of the Union, for the period from the day following that on which the Treaties cease to apply to the United Kingdom to 31 December 2020, shall be as follows:

Member State	**Population**	**Percentage of the population of the Union (%)**
Germany	82 940 663	18,54
France	67 028 048	14,98
Italy	61 068 437	13,65
Spain	46 934 632	10,49
Poland	37 972 812	8,49
Romania	19 405 156	4,34
Netherlands	17 423 013	3,89
Belgium	11 467 923	2,56
Greece	10 722 287	2,40
Czechia	10 528 984	2,35
Portugal	10 276 617	2,30
Sweden	10 243 000	2,29
Hungary	9 772 756	2,18
Austria	8 842 000	1,98
Bulgaria	7 000 039	1,56
Denmark	5 799 763	1,30
Finland	5 512 119	1,23
Slovakia	5 450 421	1,22
Ireland	4 904 240	1,10
Croatia	4 076 246	0,91
Lithuania	2 794 184	0,62
Slovenia	2 080 908	0,47
Latvia	1 919 968	0,43