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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,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

Having regard to Article 11(6) of the Council's Rules of Procedure[(1)],

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’).

(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 2019,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex III to the Rules of Procedure is replaced by the following:

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2018/2076. (See end of Document for details)

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

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 2019 until the date on which the Treaties cease to apply to the United Kingdom or until 31 December 2019, at the latest, shall be as follows:

Member State	Population	Percentage of the population of the Union (%)
Germany	82 719 022	16,12
France	67 221 943	13,10
United Kingdom	66 238 007	12,90
Italy	61 166 142	11,92
Spain	46 659 302	9,09
Poland	37 976 687	7,40
Romania	19 523 621	3,80
Netherlands	17 321 110	3,37
Belgium	11 413 058	2,22
Greece	10 738 928	2,09
Czechia	10 493 154	2,04
Portugal	10 291 027	2,00
Sweden	10 157 000	1,98
Hungary	9 778 371	1,91
Austria	8 802 000	1,71
Bulgaria	7 050 034	1,37
Denmark	5 774 877	1,13
Finland	5 501 930	1,07
Slovakia	5 443 120	1,06
Ireland	4 830 392	0,94
Croatia	4 105 493	0,80
Lithuania	2 808 901	0,55
Slovenia	2 066 880	0,40
Latvia	1 934 379	0,38

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Estonia	1 319 133	0,26
Cyprus	864 236	0,17
Luxembourg	600 124	0,12
Malta	475 701	0,09
EU-28	513 274 572	
Threshold (65 %)	333 628 472	

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 2019, shall be as follows:

Member State	**Population**	**Percentage of the population of the Union (%)**
Germany	82 719 022	18,50
France	67 221 943	15,04
Italy	61 166 142	13,68
Spain	46 659 302	10,44
Poland	37 976 687	8,50
Romania	19 523 621	4,37
Netherlands	17 321 110	3,87
Belgium	11 413 058	2,55
Greece	10 738 928	2,40
Czechia	10 493 154	2,35
Portugal	10 291 027	2,30
Sweden	10 157 000	2,27
Hungary	9 778 371	2,19
Austria	8 802 000	1,97
Bulgaria	7 050 034	1,58
Denmark	5 774 877	1,29
Finland	5 501 930	1,23
Slovakia	5 443 120	1,22
Ireland	4 830 392	1,08
Croatia	4 105 493	0,92
Lithuania	2 808 901	0,59