

Council Decision concerning the taking of decisions by qualified majority (29 March 1994)

Caption: The Council Decision of 29 March 1994 concerning the taking of decisions by qualified majority gives effect to the 'Ioannina Compromise'. This Compromise lays down that, where Members of the Council representing a number close to the blocking minority oppose the taking of a decision by qualified majority, the Council will do its utmost to reach, within a reasonable period of time, a satisfactory solution that can be adopted by a larger consensus.

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Council Decision of 29 March 1994 concerning the taking of decisions by qualified majority by the Council

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

DECIDES:

Article 1

If Members of the Council representing a total of 23 to 26 votes indicate their intention to oppose the adoption by the Council of a decision by qualified majority, the Council will do all in its power to reach, within a reasonable time and without prejudicing obligatory time limits laid down by the Treaties and by secondary law, such as in Articles 189 B and 189 C of the Treaty establishing the European Community, a satisfactory solution that could be adopted by at least 68 votes. During this period, and always respecting the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the President undertakes, with the assistance of the Commission, any initiative necessary to facilitate a wider basis of agreement in the Council. The Members of the Council lend him their assistance.

Article 2

The present Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 29 March 1994.

For the Council
The President
Th. PANGALOS