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Draft

COUNCIL DECISION

**amending Council Decision 91/116/EEC setting up the European
Advisory Committee on statistical information in the economic and
social spheres**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Proposed amendments of the Council Decision 91/116/EEC setting up the European Advisory Committee on statistical information in the economic and social spheres

Council Decision 91/116/EEC established the European Advisory Committee on statistical information in the economic and social spheres. This advisory committee is organised with representatives from the scientific, economic and social field from the Member States, and the committee's main task is to help the Council and the Commission to coordinate the objectives of the Community's statistical information policy.

In Article 4 of the said Council Decision 91/116/EEC setting up the European Advisory Committee on statistical information in the economic and social spheres, the number of member of which the Committee shall consist, is specified by stating the numbers of representatives from the Member states to be represented.

By reason of the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden it is necessary to eliminate the discrepancy to the number of members of the Member States as concerns the number of Presidents or Director-Generals of the national statistical institutes (12) and the two representatives from each member State to be appointed by the Council (24)

In order to make the Council Decision more flexible, so as to meet future accessions of new Member States without the need to propose new amendments concerning the number of participants in the Committee, it is proposed to delete the reference to the exact number of members in Article 4.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession of the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden¹, and in particular Article 169 thereof;

Having regard to the Draft Decision submitted by the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas Article 4 of Council Decision 91/116/EEC² setting up the European Advisory Committee on statistical information in the economic and social spheres specifies the number of member of which the Committee shall consist;

Whereas by reason of the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden it is necessary to adjust the number of members to the Committee accordingly;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Sole article

Article 4 of the Council Decision 91/116/EEC setting up the European Advisory Committee on statistical information in the economic and social spheres shall be replaced with the following text:

" The Committee shall consist of:

- four members representing the Commission, one of whom shall be the Member of the Commission responsible for statistical information policy;
- the Chairman of the Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics;
- the Presidents or Directors-General of the national statistical institutes of the Member States;
- two representatives per Member State appointed by the Council, after

¹ OJ No C 241, 29.8.1994 p. 3

² OJ No L 59, 6.3.1991 p. 21

consulting the Commission, from among leading representatives of the various economic and social categories and scientific circles. With a view to the appointment of these members, each Member State shall provide the Council with a list comprising four candidates. The Council shall take account of the need for the various economic and social categories and the scientific field to be adequately represented.

Done at Brussels, (date)

For the Council

The President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1 TITLE OF OPERATION

Proposed amendments to Council Decision 91/116/EEC setting up the European Advisory Committee on statistical information in the economic and social spheres

2 BUDGET HEADING INVOLVED

A0-2510

3 LEGAL BASIS

Council Decision 91/116/EEC of 25 February 1991

4 DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION

4.1 General objective

By reason of the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, it is necessary to eliminate the discrepancy in the number of members from the Member States as regards the number of Presidents or Director-Generals of the national statistical institutes (12) and the two representatives from each Member State to be appointed by the Council (24).

4.2 Period covered and arrangements for renewal or extension

Indeterminate

5 CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE OR REVENUE

5.1 Non-compulsory expenditure

5.2 Non-differentiated appropriations

5.3 Type of revenue involved: none

6 TYPE OF EXPENDITURE

- Other: Reimbursement of travel expenses and daily allowances

7 FINANCIAL IMPACT

See point 10.

8 FRAUD PREVENTION MEASURES

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9 ELEMENTS OF COST-EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS

- Need to integrate the new Member States

10 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE (PART A OF SECTION III OF THE GENERAL BUDGET)

The actual mobilisation of the administrative resources required will result from the Commission's annual decision regarding the allocation of resources, bearing in mind in particular the additional staff and amounts granted by the budgetary authority.

10.1 Impact on the number of staff: None

10.2 Overall financial impact of additional human resources: None

10.3 Increase in other operating expenditure as a result of the action

Budget heading (No and title)	1996 totals (ECU)	Method of calculation
A0-2510		Additional cost (estimated):
	5 000	Plenary meeting (6 new members)
	20 000	- Sub-committees 8 meetings per year (3 new members)
	5 000	- Bureau 3 meetings per year (2 new members)
Total	30 000	

Total annual expenditure will amount to ECU 104 000. It will be covered by existing resources.

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