

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/1316**of 26 July 2016****amending Decision 2009/908/EU, laying down measures for the implementation of the European Council Decision on the exercise of the Presidency of the Council, and on the chairmanship of preparatory bodies of the Council**

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 European Council Decision 2009/881/EU of 1 December 2009 on the exercise of the Presidency of the Council ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas,

- (1) By Decision 2009/908/EU ⁽²⁾ the Council established the order in which the office of President of the Council was to be held for the Member States of the European Union as from 1 January 2007 until 30 June 2020, and it set out therein the division of that order of Presidencies into groups of three Member States.
- (2) The European Union was enlarged on 1 July 2013 to include Croatia as a new Member State.
- (3) Although no notification has as yet been received under Article 50 TEU from its government, a Member State has made it known publicly that it will withdraw from the Union. The order of presidencies of the Council should be amended to take account of that circumstance, without prejudice to the rights and obligations of that Member State.
- (4) The Council should establish the order in which the office of President of the Council shall be held for the near future. That order should be determined in accordance with the criteria laid down in the Treaties and in Decision 2009/881/EU of the European Council. The Decision 2009/908/EU should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Council Decision 2009/908/EU of 1 December 2009 laying down measures for the implementation of the European Council Decision on the exercise of the Presidency of the Council, and on the chairmanship of preparatory bodies of the Council, is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

The order in which the Member States shall hold the Presidency of the Council as from 1 July 2017 and until 31 December 2030, as well as the division of this order of Presidencies into groups of three Member States is set out in Annex I to this Decision.'

- (2) Article 3 is replaced by the following:

'Article 3

The Council shall, before 31 December 2029, decide the order in which the Member States will hold the Presidency of the Council as from 1 January 2031';

- (3) the text of Annex I to Council Decision 2009/908/EU is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 315, 2.12.2009, p. 50.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 2009/908/EU of 1 December 2009, laying down measures for the implementation of the European Council Decision on the exercise of the Presidency of the Council, and on the chairmanship of preparatory bodies of the Council (OJ L 322, 9.12.2009, p. 28).

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

It shall apply from 1 July 2017.

It shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2016.

For the Council

The President

M. LAJČÁK

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

Draft Table of Presidencies of the Council (*)

Netherlands (**)	January-June	2016
Slovakia (**)	July-December	2016
Malta (**)	January-June	2017
Estonia	July-December	2017
Bulgaria	January-June	2018
Austria	July-December	2018
Romania	January-June	2019
Finland	July-December	2019
Croatia	January-June	2020
Germany	July-December	2020
Portugal	January-June	2021
Slovenia	July-December	2021
France	January-June	2022
Czech Republic	July-December	2022
Sweden	January-June	2023
Spain	July-December	2023
Belgium	January-June	2024
Hungary	July-December	2024
Poland	January-June	2025
Denmark	July-December	2025
Cyprus	January-June	2026
Ireland	July-December	2026
Lithuania	January-June	2027
Greece	July-December	2027
Italy	January-June	2028
Latvia	July-December	2028
Luxembourg	January-June	2029
Netherlands	July-December	2029
Slovakia	January-June	2030
Malta	July-December	2030

(*) Without prejudice to the United Kingdom's rights and obligations as a Member State.

(**) The current trio is inserted in this Annex for information purposes.'