Question for written answer E-002774/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: End of right to veto: will Member States be forced to comply?

A number of proposals for EU reform aim to replace the unanimity rule – which requires unanimous agreement from all Member States – with qualified majority voting in particularly sensitive areas like foreign policy, taxation and certain defence issues.

In practice, this means that a decision could be adopted even if multiple Member States are opposed to it, provided that a majority of Member States, representing a significant proportion of the EU population, are in favour. This change would profoundly alter the current balance between the Member States and the European institutions.

A country could thus be forced to apply a decision that it had in fact rejected, including in areas that directly affect its essential national interests.

1. Does the Commission wish to abolish Member States' right to veto in certain areas and, if so, which areas?

2. Can it guarantee that no Member State will be deprived of its right to veto without an official amendment to the Treaties and without the agreement of the Member States in accordance with their national laws?

3. Before any reforms are made, will it publish a clear study explaining the powers that each Member State will lose and the decisions which could then be imposed on them?

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