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The enlargement process is and remains a strict, fair and merit-based process, based on the objective progress achieved by each enlargement country, in line with the Copenhagen criteria. This process aims to ensure that the EU will continue to deliver and function as was the case in previous enlargements, and not undermine the cohesion, functionality and legitimacy of the EU.

Moreover, following the Communication of March 2024 on pre-enlargement reforms and policy reviews¹, the Commission is currently carrying out pre-enlargement reviews, assessing the extent to which policies and governance of the EU will be affected by future enlargement and what changes could be considered to address any identified gaps.

The Commission recalls that under the EU Treaties, any decision to move from unanimity to qualified majority voting in Council requires the unanimous support by all Member States.

¹ COM(2024)146 final.