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The voting requirements in the Council of the European Union for taking appropriate measures under Article 79 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement¹ are determined by the relevant legal basis, which depends on the substance of the intended appropriate measures.

A decision of the Council based on Article 218(9) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) on the partial suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement could have Article 207 TFEU as a substantive legal basis, provided the intended suspension is limited to matters fully covered by the common commercial policy, as set out in Article 207(1) TFEU.

In accordance with Article 79(2) of the EU-Israel Association Agreement, a Party may apply an appropriate measure without prior involvement of the Association Council in case of special urgency.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:411c0668-144d-44a1-a5e3-dd2342f7a5b5.0017.02/DOC_1&format=PDF.