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## **HIGH COUNCIL DECISION No. 3/2020**

**of 30 June 2020**

**redefining the membership of the Strategic Standing Committee**

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**THE HIGH COUNCIL,**

Having regard to the Convention setting up the European University Institute (hereinafter the “EUI”), and in particular Article 34 thereof,

Having regard to the High Council Decision No. 11/2008 of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008 “amending the list of ‘Standing Committees’ established by the High Council”,

Having regard to the draft minutes of the plenary session of the High Council of 18 June 2014 (IUE 153/14 (CA 143) on 10 September 2014), defining the ‘High Council Troika’,

Having regard to the High Council Decision N° 3/2018 of 7 December 2018 establishing the Strategic Standing Committee,

On the basis of the proposal of the EUI High Council Working Group on Strategic Advisory Functions within EUI governance,

Whereas:

1. In its meeting of 14 September 2018 in Brussels, following a recommendation made in the report of the Strategic Review Committee in May 2018, the EUI High Council Working Group on Strategic Advisory Functions within EUI governance indicated the need to establish an advisory body (the new Strategic Standing Committee, SSC) on strategic matters;
2. Such a body does not require a change of the EUI Convention;
3. In view of the departure of the UK, the accession of Slovakia and in order to anticipate future accessions of EU members who are not yet EUI members, a change is needed in the composition of the table contained in the HIGH COUNCIL DECISION No. 3/2018 of 7 December 2018 establishing the Strategic Standing Committee;

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

*Article 1*  
*Membership*

The Strategic Standing Committee includes the following members:

- a) The previous, current and future High Council Presidents ('Troika');
- b) Three other Member States' representatives chosen with regard to the composition of the Troika, in order to ensure geographic and cultural diversity and considering geographical spread (north/south, east/west), Contracting States' GDP and the size of their population.

These members are selected according to the table below which is inspired by the table contained in the High Council Decision 11/2008 on 'Standing Committees'. The Contracting States are selected from the group that includes the country holding the presidency of the EUI in the table below.

| Group 1  | Group 2     | Group 3   | Group 4 | Group 5        |
|----------|-------------|-----------|---------|----------------|
| Germany  | Italy       | Poland    | France  | Spain          |
| Sweden   | Netherlands | Finland   | Austria | Belgium        |
| Portugal | Ireland     | Greece    | Denmark | Slovenia       |
| Latvia   | Luxembourg  | Malta     | Estonia | Cyprus         |
| Slovakia | Hungary     | Bulgaria  | Romania | Czech Republic |
| Croatia  |             | Lithuania |         |                |

In case a group is too large by one member, a lot might need to be drawn in order to select one member unless one of the members listed desists.

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- c) A European Parliament Representative, *ex officio*;
- d) A European Commission Representative, *ex officio*;
- e) Up to three external experts nominated for up to three years on the basis of their personal expertise and appointed in agreement between the Strategic Standing Committee and the President of the EUI;
- f) The President of the EUI, member without voting rights.

*Article 2*  
*Tasks*

The Strategic Standing Committee advises the High Council on the EUI's strategy, monitors its implementation according to appropriate indicators and prepares the strategic discussions of the High Council.

The Committee supports the President of the EUI in designing a strategic plan for the EUI.

*Article 3*  
*Operations*

The Strategic Standing Committee meets at least twice per year.

The Committee is chaired by the current Chair of the High Council. The Chair convenes the meetings and establishes the agenda.

The EUI provides appropriate support.

*Article 4*  
*Reporting*

The Strategic Standing Committee provides written reports together with all relevant documentation to the High Council within two weeks after each meeting. If necessary, the coexistence of different positions expressed in the discussions of the Committee will be reported upon.

The High Council examines the conclusions reached by the Strategic Standing Committee at least once per year.

The High Council may invite the Strategic Standing Committee to examine certain topics.

This decision will enter into force on 1 January 2021.

Done in Florence, 30 June 2020.

For the High Council

*The President*

*(original signed)*

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