COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 April 1997

amending Decision 91/116/EEC setting up the European Advisory Committee on statistical information in the economic and social spheres

(97/255/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the draft decision submitted by the Commission,

Whereas Article 4 of Decision 91/116/EEC [1] specifies the number of members of which the Committee shall consist;

Whereas by reason of the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden it is necessary to adjust the number of members of the Committee accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 4 of Decision 91/116/EEC shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 4

The Committee shall consist of

— four members representing the Commission, one of whom shall be the Member of the Commission responsible for statistical information policy,

— the Chairman of the Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics,

— the Presidents or Directors-General of the national statistical institutes of the Member States,

— two representatives per Member State appointed by the Council, after consulting the Commission, from among leading representatives of the various economic and social categories and scientific circles. With a view to the appointment of these members, each Member State shall provide the Council with a list comprising four candidates. The Council shall take account of the need for the various economic and social categories and the scientific field to be adequately represented.'

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

Done at Luxembourg, 14 April 1997.

For the Council

The President

J. VAN AARTSEN

[1] OJ No L 59, 6. 3. 1991, p. 21.