

ARTICLE 7(1): PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Determining a clear RISK of a serious breach of the values in Article 2 TEU

Reasoned proposal by:

1/3 of **Member States**
or
European Commission
or
European Parliament
(2/3 majority of the votes cast, representing the majority of its component members)

Hearing of the EU

country concerned in the Council

Consent by the

European Parliament
(2/3 majority of the votes cast, representing the majority of its component members)

Decision by the Council

to determine clear risk of a serious breach of the values referred in Article 2 TEU
(by a majority of 4/5 of Members States excluding EU country concerned)
Council can issue recommendations
(by a majority of 4/5 of Members States excluding EU country concerned)

ARTICLE 7(2-3): SANCTIONS MEASURES

Determining of the EXISTENCE of a serious breach of the values in Article 2 TEU

Proposal by:

Article 7(2)
1/3 of Member States
or
European Commission

Observations submitted

by the EU country concerned

Consent by the

European Parliament
(2/3 majority of the votes cast representing the majority of MEPs)

The European Council

determines the **existence of a serious and persistent breach**
(decision by unanimity excluding EU country concerned)

Article 7(3) TEU: Suspension of certain rights

The Council can suspend membership rights, including voting rights
The vote requires a qualified majority, which is defined as:

- 72% of Member States, excluding the Member State concerned;
- And comprising 65% of the EU's population of the Member States participating in the vote.

EU country concerned does not participate in the vote