

**Question for written answer E-008085/2012
to the Council**

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Subject: Basis for reaching Council 'conclusions', including those concerning international agreements

1. Will the Council indicate on what basis or bases it reaches 'conclusions' when acting a) by consensus and b) by a qualified majority?
2. Will the Council confirm that, in its consideration of the positions to be taken by the EU in connection with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, it will act in accordance with Article 218(8) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which states that 'the Council shall act by a qualified majority throughout the procedure'?