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The language rules applicable to the institutions are based on Article 342 TFEU. According to Article 342 TFEU, the Council determines by unanimity the rules governing the languages of the institutions of the Union, and on that basis Regulation No 1/1958 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community was adopted. When the Council makes use of the competence conferred on it by Article 342 TFEU, it needs to respect Article 55 TEU, which lays down the list of languages in which the Treaty is drawn up and is authentic.

No current member of the Council has requested the necessary changes to include Welsh, Catalan, Breton and/or Corsican as an official language of the European Union.

That having been said, on 13 December 2004 the Spanish government requested that official recognition be given to languages other than Castilian (Spanish) which have official status in Spain (namely Catalan/Valencian, Basque and Galician), but never requested that those languages be added to the list of the official languages of the Union¹.

The Council adopted conclusions on 13 June 2005 on the official use of additional languages within the Council and possibly other institutions and bodies of the European Union².

On 23 November 2005, an administrative arrangement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Council of the European Union allowing the official use at the Council of languages other than Castilian (Spanish) whose status is recognised by the Spanish Constitution entered into force³.

¹ 16220/04.

² See OJ C 148, 18.6.2005, p. 1.

³ 14946/05.