

FICHE AMENDEMENT

Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : 16

Déposée par Madame ou Monsieur : Rt Hon David Heathcoat-Amory, MP

Qualité : - Membre *X* - Suppléant

16.1 At close, insert « The authorisation for such actions shall automatically lapse after one year »

Explication éventuelle

There is a good case for allowing a « Martian Clause » in the treaty, to cover for unexpected developments which need urgent response. However, such should not be permitted to act as a front for the expansion of competences by the back door. A sunset clause (which, after all, can be renewed on an annual basis) prevents this. It is extremely unusual for a constitution to include a clause allowing it to be modified without recourse to parliaments or member states' constitutional requirements, which is what the original permits.

16.1 After « assent » insert « through an absolute majority of all members »

Explication éventuelle

In a crisis, this will not be difficult to achieve, and will focus popular attention on the issues at hand

16.2 At close, insert « The action will be annulled if a national parliament withholds its consent »

Explication éventuelle

Democracy requires no less.