

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for protocol : on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality

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Status : - Alternate

4. The Commission shall justify its proposal with regard to the principle of subsidiarity. Any legislative proposal should contain a detailed statement making it possible to appraise compliance with the principle of subsidiarity. This statement should contain ~~some~~ an assessment of the proposal's financial impact and, in the case of a framework law, of its implications for the rules to be put in place by Member States, including, where necessary, the regional legislation. The reasons for concluding that a Union objective can be better achieved at Union level must be substantiated by qualitative and, wherever possible, quantitative indicators. The Commission shall take account of the need for any burden, whether financial or administrative, falling upon the Union, national governments, regional or local authorities, economic operators and citizens, to be minimised and commensurate with the objective to be achieved.

Explanation (if any) :

The current text refers to the Commission making "some" assessment of the financial impact of legislative proposals. This is very vague, and could mean be dealt with in a totally minimalist way. By saying that "an" assessment should be made, this would mean that the assessment should be reasonably complete. After all, the financial impact of legislation is a vital consideration, and should not be dealt with as a minor matter.