

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality

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5. Any national parliament of a Member State may, within six weeks from the date of transmission of the Commission's legislative proposal, send to the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission a reasoned opinion stating why it considers that the proposal in question does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity. It will be for each national parliament to make the internal arrangements for consulting each chamber in the case of bicameral parliaments and/or, where appropriate, ~~regional parliaments with legislative powers:~~ **regional and local authorities.** ¹

~~7. The national parliaments of the Member States may also, during the period between the convening of the Conciliation Committee meeting and the holding of that meeting, issue a reasoned opinion stating why they consider either that the Council's common position does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity or that the European Parliament's amendments do not so comply. At the Conciliation Committee meeting, the European Parliament and the Council shall take the fullest account of the opinions expressed by the national parliaments of the Member States.~~ ²

Explanation:

1. All regional and local authorities may be consulted (not only regional parliaments).
2. Should be omitted - the Conciliation procedure runs the risk of being overloaded. At this late stage the influence of national parliaments should be conducted through efficient scrutiny of respective government's actions in the Council.