

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of: Article 25 of the draft Constitution (CONV 571/03)

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Article 25: Legislative acts

European laws and European framework laws shall be adopted, on the basis of proposals from the Commission, jointly by the European Parliament and the Council in accordance with the rules of the legislative procedure referred to in Article X (*Part Two of the Constitution*). If the two institutions cannot reach agreement on an act, it shall not be adopted.

~~Specific provisions shall apply in the cases referred to in Article Z (*ex third pillar*).~~

In the legislative procedure, the European Parliament shall act by majority and the Council shall act by qualified majority.

~~2. In the specific cases provided for by the Constitution, European laws and European framework laws shall be adopted by the Council.~~

32. When acting under any procedure for the adoption of a European law or a European framework law, the European Parliament and the Council shall meet in public.

Explanation :

The legislative procedure introduced by Article 25 (1) must apply to all EU legislative initiatives, as stated in the conclusions of Working Group IX. There shall be no cases where laws or framework laws are enacted by the Council alone. Qualified majority voting in the Council shall be an essential part of the legislative procedure. This must be specifically mentioned in the first part of the constitutional Treaty.