

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for **PROTOCOL ON THE ROLE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

[Pm: Wording pending reform of the COSAC]

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Status : Alternate

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~~9. The Conference of European Affairs Committees, set up on 16 and 17 November 1989, may submit any contribution it deems appropriate for the attention of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission. Such contributions shall in no way bind national parliaments or prejudge their position.~~

#### **II. THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES**

**9. The Conference of European Affairs Committees, hereinafter referred to as COSAC, established in Paris on 16-17 November 1989, may make any contribution it deems appropriate for the attention of the institutions of the European Union.**

**10. COSAC may examine any legislative proposal or initiative. The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall be informed of any contribution made by COSAC under this point.**

**11. COSAC may address to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission any contribution which it deems appropriate.**

**12. Contributions made by COSAC shall in no way bind national parliaments or prejudge their position.**

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#### **Explanation:**

The amendment builds on the second part of the existing protocol on national parliaments which sets out the rights of COSAC in a more detailed manner.

COSAC is currently undergoing an internal reform debate. The reform is expected to reach its conclusion in May 2003 and will most likely result in a contribution from COSAC to the Convention. A reform of COSAC will constitute an important element in the future role of national parliaments in the EU. It is therefore important that relevant elements of the reform of COSAC are incorporated in the protocol on national parliaments in accordance with the recommendations in CONV 552/03 (contribution from Mr. Henrik Dam Kristensen).