

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for Protocol on the Role of National Parliaments

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To add the following at the end of paragraph 3 :

« Without prejudice to the European Parliament's decision-making autonomy, members of national parliaments may also send to the President of the European Parliament recommendations on other aspects of the Commission's legislative proposal which, in their opinion, may have a bearing on European citizens »

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#### Explanation:

This amendment is being proposed in the context of the desire expressed in the preamble to this draft protocol 'to encourage greater involvement of national parliaments in the activities of the European Union and *to enhance their ability to express their views on matters which may be of particular interest to them.*' In this spirit, the amendment is intended to take the involvement of national parliaments in the legislative process a step beyond their scrutiny of subsidiarity, by affording the possibility to channel recommendations on the substance of proposed legislation to the European Parliament on a case-by-case basis. Recommendations may be transmitted via an electronic mechanism to the European Parliament in the name of a predetermined number of national parliamentarians from a particular Member State, when they consider, as a result of regular contact with the grassroot level, that an attempt to influence the European Parliament's deliberations would be advisable due to a perceived impact on the lives of European citizens. It would nonetheless be up to the European Parliament to gauge the validity of such recommendations and to ultimately decide whether to factor any contributions from national parliaments into its own position on the proposed legislation. While this would evidently be *without prejudice to the European Parliament's decision-making autonomy*, it would establish a basis for national parliaments to provide added value to the European Parliament's assessment of legislative proposals, as well as providing an incentive for individual national parliaments to consult among themselves. *It must be underlined that introducing such a mechanism would not imply the creation of a new institution.*