

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 38:

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Status: Members and Alternates

Text of the Praesidium

Proposed Amendments

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Explanation:

Proposed majority rule in the Council should facilitate decisionmaking on funding in the enlarged Union while at the same time safeguarding financial interests of memberstates by establishing a high threshold.

The budgetary authority should be shared between the European Parliament and the Council as a principle according to the decisions of the European People's Party in Estoril in October 2002. Therefore the role of the European Parliament should be enhanced with regard to decisions on own resources.