

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :4 (part 2)

Suggestion for protocol :

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N.B. ‘()’ denote text deleted ‘_____’ denotes text added

New paragraph 6a

Insert

‘Each budget line must be signed off by the Court of Auditors and European Parliament before non-obligatory expenditure for the forthcoming year is permitted.’

Explication eventuelle

In order to fulfil the Laeken Mandate, European institutions must be able to demonstrate accountability in their financial control.

Where an audit has identified failings in a budget line, and the Auditors have declined to sign off the books, there should be an effective block on further spending until those failures have been remedied. This amendment allows, however, for continued expenditure in the interim on essential items, such as wages and rent.

New paragraph 7a

Insert

‘The Union shall not permit expenditure of a partisan or propagandist nature’

Explication eventuelle

The Union should not itself become party to debates on its future.

Explanation (if any) :