

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article :39 bis**

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### **Article 39.º bis: Multiannual financial framework**

**The multiannual financial framework shall constitute the reference framework for interinstitutional budgetary discipline. It is intended to ensure that, in the medium term, European Union expenditure, broken down by broad category, develops in an orderly manner and within the limits of own resources.**

**The Council, meeting in the composition of Heads of State or Government, on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the European Parliament, shall adopt a law on the multiannual financial framework, acting by unanimity.**

**Failing this decision, the framework applicable for the preceding year shall apply for the following year, in accordance with the rules laid down in article [ ] / Part II, containing the general rules governing the multiannual financial framework.**

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**Explanation : It seems appropriate to include in the first part of the Constitutional Treaty a reference to the multiannual financial framework as a key element of the Finances of the Union.**