

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Introductory note

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Members and Alternates

The proposals for amendments we are now submitting are in line with our vision of a Union of States and Peoples whose institutions are organised in a balanced way and accomplish their tasks according to the Community method.

In document Conv. 691/03, the Praesidium declares that on several major points of the institutional debate, two approaches were available: to keep the provisions of the Treaty of Nice or go beyond them.

For us, it is clear that if the option is between the Nice Treaty and the draft articles proposed by the Praesidium, we choose the Nice provisions. Nevertheless we are, as we have always been, ready to consider alternative solutions, provided that the principles stated in document Conv. 646/03 are respected.

According to the Laeken Declaration on the Future of the European Union, the final document of the Convention may comprise different options, indicating the degree of support they receive if consensus is not achieved in some of the issues. The debate already undertaken on the institutional questions shows some substantial differences of opinion. In case such differences are confirmed after the presentation of amendments and the discussion in the Plenary, the final document should include options for Title IV of Part I of the Constitutional Treaty.

Explanation (if any) :