

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 15, Title IV, Part I

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Member

1. The European Parliament shall, jointly with the Council, enact legislation, as well as exercise functions of political control and consultation as laid down in the Constitution. ~~It shall elect the President of the European Commission.~~
 2. The European Parliament shall be directly elected by universal suffrage ~~of European citizens~~ in free and secret ballot for a term of five years. Its members shall not exceed seven hundred in number. Representation of European citizens shall be degressively proportional, with a minimum threshold of four members per Member State.
 3. OK.
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Explanation (if any) :

Article 15.1 The last sentence is misleading. If there is to be a reference to the EP's role in electing the President of the Commission here, it should be brought into line with the provisions set out in 18.4 in their entirety. It is clearer simply to delete the reference here.

Article 15.2 The UK has, since the introduction of direct elections, given EP voting rights to Commonwealth citizens who fulfil certain conditions but who are not UK nationals for Community law purposes more generally. In order not to disenfranchise them, "of European citizens" should be deleted.