

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 15

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Article 15 : The European Parliament

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.~~¹
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~~ **732**. ~~Representation of European citizens shall be degressively proportional, with a minimum threshold of four members per Member State.~~ **The number of representatives elected in each Member State shall be as follows:**²

Belgium	24
Czech Republic	24
Denmark	14
Germany	99
Estonia	6
Greece	24
Spain	54
France	78
Ireland	13
Italy	78
Cyprus	6
Latvia	9
Lithuania	13
Luxembourg	6
Hungary	24
Malta	5
Netherlands	27
Austria	18
Poland	54
Portugal	24
Slovenia	7
Slovakia	14

¹ The rules regarding the appointment of the President of the Commission are laid down in article 18a and need not be mentioned here.

² It is unclear to the citizen what degressive proportionality means. There is no enabling clause. It would be far more transparent to list the number of representatives elected in each Member State directly in the Constitutional Treaty. There is no need to reopen the compromise reached and signed in the Treaty of Accession.

Finland	14
Sweden	19
United Kingdom	78

3. The European Parliament shall elect its President and its officers from among its members, for a term of five years.