

AMENDMENT FORM

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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.
2. **The representatives in the European Parliament of the peoples of the States brought together in the Union shall be elected by direct universal suffrage** in free and secret ballot for a term of five years.
3. **The number of representatives elected in each Member State shall be as follows:**¹

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
Finland	14
Sweden	19
United Kingdom	78"

4. The members of the Parliament shall not exceed seven hundred **and thirty two** in number. **The number of representatives elected in each Member State must ensure appropriate representation of the peoples of the States brought together in the Union.** The European Council, acting unanimously, may decide to adjust the number of seats held by each Member State to provide for any future enlargement of the Union, subject to a minimum threshold of **five** ~~four~~ members per Member State.

¹ Figures for EU-27, including Bulgaria and Romania, according to Nice, to be annexed in a Protocol.

5. The European Parliament shall elect its President and its officers from among its members, for a term of five years.
6. **Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, the European Parliament shall act by the majority of the votes cast.**

Explanation (if any) :

There is no reason to depart from the provisions relating the composition of the European Parliament envisaged in the Treaty of Nice.

Setting the composition of the European Parliament only on the grounds of the demographic principle would undermine the equality principle of the member states, dividing the big and the small countries, as well as the idea of the European Union as the Union of states and peoples as such.