

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Art. 15

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Members and Alternates

Article ~~15~~ 16: The European Parliament

- 1. The European Parliament, which shall consist of representatives of the peoples of the States brought together in the Union, shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by this Constitutional Treaty.**
- 2. The European Parliament shall, jointly with the Council, enact legislation **and be the budgetary authority**, as well as exercise functions of political control and consultation **in conformity with the procedures and conditions set out in it as laid down in the Constitutional Treaty.****
- ~~3. 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. The European Parliament shall be directly elected by universal suffrage of European citizens in free and secret ballot for a term of five years.**
- 4. The number of Members of the European Parliament shall not exceed 732. Appropriate representation of the citizens of the States brought together in the Union is ensured by the principle of degressive proportionality. The number of representatives elected in each Member State shall be set out in Article X of Part Two. 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 members per Member State.**
- ~~5. The European Parliament shall elect its President and its officers from among its members, for a term of five years.~~

Unless otherwise provided in this Constitutional Treaty, the European Parliament shall act by an absolute majority of the votes cast.

Explanation (if any) :