

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendement of Article : 15

Suggestion for Part I

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Status : - Member Alternate

Article 15 : The European Parliament

1. The Parliament shall, jointly with the Council, enact legislation, ~~as well as exercise the~~ **budgetary authority, as well as** functions of political control and consultation as laid down in the Constitution. It elects the President of the European Commission **and gives its approval to the Commission as a body.**
 2. The **members of the** European Parliament shall be directly elected by universal suffrage of European citizens in free and secret ballot, for a term of five years. Their number shall not exceed seven hundred **thirty-two**. Representation of European citizens shall be degressively proportional, with a minimum threshold of ~~four~~ **five** members per Member State.
 3. The European Parliament shall elect its President and its officers from among its members, for a term of five years.
 4. **Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, the European Parliament shall act by the majority of the votes cast.**
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Explanation (if any) :

Para 1 : Reference should be made to two of the Parliament's politically most important competences, i.e. the exercise of budgetary authority together with the Council an its approval to the Commission as a whole.

Para 2 : There is no apparent reason why it is necessary to revert to the subject of the total number of the E.P. members, after what was decided in Nice. In the event of any future enlargement of the Union, the number of the members of the European Parliament elected in each Member State should be adjusted by a decision of the European Council, acting unanimously (relevant reference should be included in Article X, Part II).

Para 4 (new) : For reasons of clarity, a reference should be made to the general voting rule within the European Parliament.