

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 15

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Status : - Alternate

Article 15: The European Parliament

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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 **732 [2 words deleted]** in number. [18 words deleted] ***The number of representatives elected in each Member State shall be as follows:***

<i>Belgium</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Luxembourg</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Czech Republic</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Hungary</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Denmark</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Malta</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Germany</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>Netherlands</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Estonia</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Austria</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Greece</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Poland</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>Spain</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>Portugal</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>France</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>Slovenia</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Ireland</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Slovakia</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Italy</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>Finland</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Cyprus</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Sweden</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Latvia</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>78</i>
<i>Lithuania</i>	<i>13</i>		

Explanation (if any) :

It is unclear to the citizens what degressive proportionality means. It would be far more transparent to list the number of representatives elected in each Member State directly in the Constitutional Treaty.

The figures will have to be revised when new countries such as Bulgaria and Romania join the European Union.