

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: 15, Part I – Title IV

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Status: Members and alternate members.

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 ~~seven hundred~~ in number. ~~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:

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

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Explanation:

It is unclear to the citizens what degressive proportionality means. It is also unclear who decides what it means by which procedure. 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. An excellent compromise has only just been reached and signed in the Treaty of Accession. We see no need to reopen this compromise.