

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : I-19

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1. The European Parliament shall, jointly with the Council, enact legislation, and determine the annual budget ~~exercise the budgetary function~~, as well as functions of political control and consultation as laid down in the Constitution. It shall elect the President of the European Commission.
 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 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 elect its President and its officers from among its members, ~~for a term of five years~~.
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Explanation (if any) :

I.19.1: Cannot accept the EP jointly "exercising the budgetary function". It has a joint role only in relation to the annual budget. Our amendment reflects this.

I.19.2: The UK has, since the introduction of direct elections, given EP voting rights to Commonwealth citizens who fulfil certain conditions but who are not UK nationals for Community law purposes more generally. In order not to disenfranchise them, "of European citizens" should be deleted.