

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 17

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### Article 17 : The Council of Ministers

1.     The Council of Ministers shall, jointly with the European Parliament, **or alone**<sup>1</sup>, enact legislation, and shall carry out policy-making and co-ordinating functions as laid down in the Constitution.
2.     The Council of Ministers shall consist of a representative of each Member State at ministerial level ~~for each of its formations,~~ **authorised to commit the government of that Member State.**<sup>2</sup>  
~~Only this representative may commit the Member State in question, and cast its vote.~~<sup>3</sup>
3.     Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, decisions of the Council shall be taken by qualified majority.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Article 25.2 (on legislative acts) *"In specific cases provided for by the Constitution, EU law and EU framework laws shall be adopted by the Council"*

<sup>2</sup> Corresponds to Article 203 EC.

<sup>3</sup> It must be possible for i.a. a State Secretary to act as a substitute for a minister.

<sup>4</sup> This will demand extensive technical adjustments i Part II of the Constitution.