

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendement of Article : 17

Suggestion for Part I

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Article 17 : The Council of ~~Ministers~~

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

Explanation (if any) :

Para 1 : As is the case for the European Parliament, the exercise of budgetary authority is a key-function of the Council and should, therefore, be mentioned.

Para 2 : It would be preferable and more accurate to retain the wording of article 203 TCE.