

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 17b

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Article 17b:

Para 1 ~~“When the European Council or the Council take decisions by qualified majority voting, such a majority shall consists of the majority of Member States, representing at least three fifths of the population of the Union”.~~

“When the European Council or the Council take decisions by qualified majority voting, such a majority shall consists of the qualified majority of Member States’ weighted votes, representing a majority of the population of the Union”.

Explanation (if any) :

The Nice formula (which should be contained in the second part of the Constitutional Treaty) constitutes a fruit of a difficult compromise between the Member States, and should not be changed. An attempt at changing the Nice provisions, which overall guarantee a right balance between bigger and smaller Member States, could become a source of great controversy, hampering the agreement on issues of greater constitutional importance.