

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Title IV

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 17 b

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**Status :        Members and alternate members.**

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#### Article 17b : Qualified majority

1. When the European Council or the Council take decisions by qualified majority, such a majority shall consist of the majority of Member States, representing at least three fifths of the population of the Union. *Where the Constitution provides for an enhanced qualified majority, the Council must obtain the consent of at least three-quarters of the Member States, representing three fifths of the population.*
  2. *The President and Vice-Presidents of the Commission do not vote in the European Council or Council.*
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#### Explanation:

1. *There will be circumstances, some already foreseen in the work of the Convention, where super qualified majorities will be required. We suggest three-quarters of Member States (19 out of 25).*
2. *The re-formulation of this paragraph conforms to the overall approach adopted, but does not change the substance from that of the Praesidium's draft.*