

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 17b

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Status :           - Member: Hjelm-Wallén, Lekberg and Lenmarker  
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### Article 17b : Qualified majority<sup>1</sup>

~~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.~~

~~2. Within the European Council, its President and the President of the Commission do not vote.~~

1. When the Council takes decisions by a qualified majority, the votes of the members shall be weighted as follows:

Belgium	12
Czech Republic	12
Denmark	7
Germany	29
Estonia	4
Greece	12
Spain	27
France	29
Ireland	7
Italy	29
Cyprus	4
Latvia	4
Lithuania	7
Luxembourg	4
Hungary	12
Malta	3
Netherlands	13
Austria	10
Poland	27
Portugal	12
Slovenia	4
Slovakia	7
Finland	7
Sweden	10
United Kingdom	29

2. Acts referred to under paragraph 1 above shall require for their adoption at least 232 votes in favour cast by a majority of the Members. Where the Constitution requires them

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<sup>1</sup> The Nice compromise on qualified majority must be kept.

**to be adopted on a proposal from the Commission. In other cases, these acts shall require at least 232 votes in favour, cast by at least two-thirds of the Members.**

- 3. When a decision is to be adopted by a qualified majority, a Member may request verification that the Member States constituting the qualified majority represent at least 62% of the total population of the Union. If that condition is shown not to have been met, the decision in question shall not be adopted.**
- 4. Abstentions by Members present in person or represented shall not prevent the adoption of acts which require unanimity.**