

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 17b

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Article 17b : ~~Qualified majority~~ Voting in the Council

1. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, decisions in the Council shall be taken by qualified majority.
 2. When the European Council or the Council take decisions by qualified majority, **the arrangements set out in Article Y of Part Two shall apply.** ~~such a majority shall consist of the majority of Member States, representing at least three fifths of the population of the Union.~~ **The European Council, acting unanimously, may agree to adjust these arrangements to provide for any future enlargement of the Union.**
 3. Unless this Constitution provides otherwise, abstentions by Members present in person shall not prevent the adoption by the Council of measures requiring unanimity.
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Explanation

Arrangements for QMV, regarding the voting weights of Member States and the necessary thresholds of support, were, with considerable difficulty, agreed at Nice and should continue to apply. Because of their complexity, they should be set out in a Part Two of the Treaty. It should be open to the European Council to decide unanimously to amend these arrangements, including to make appropriate provision for future enlargements of the Union.