

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 23a : The Committee of the Regions

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Article 23a : The Committee of the Regions

- 1. The European Parliament, the Council of Ministers and the Commission shall be assisted by a Committee of the Regions exercising advisory functions.**
- 2. The Committee of the Regions shall consist of representatives of regional and local bodies who have either been elected to a regional or local authority or are politically accountable to an elected assembly.**
- 3. The members of the Committee of the Regions must not be bound by any mandatory instructions. They shall be completely independent, in the performance of their duties, in the Union's general interest.**
- 5. Rules governing the composition of the Committee, the designation of its members, powers and operations, are set out in Articles Y of Part II of the Constitution. The rules governing its composition shall be reviewed at regular intervals by the Council, on the basis of a Commission proposal, in the light of economic, social and demographic developments within the Union.**

Explanation (if any) :

To appropriately reflect their standing, the Council of Regions and the Economic and Social Committee should be the subject of separate Articles.