

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 44 (Title X) Procedure for applying for Union membership

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Article 44: Procedure for applying for Union membership

Any European State which wishes to become a member of the Union may address its application to the Council. The European Parliament and the national parliaments **as well as the European Commission (1)** shall be notified of this application. The Council shall act unanimously after consulting the Commission and after receiving the assent of the European Parliament, which shall act by an absolute majority of its component members. The conditions and arrangements for admission , **and the accession of the new member state (2)** shall be the subject of an agreement between the Member States and the applicant State. That agreement shall be subject to ratification by all the contracting States, in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements.

Explanation (if any) :

1. The European Commission should also be officially notified about an application for membership.
2. Besides the conditions and the arrangement for the admission also the admission itself should be subject of the agreement (alternative wording).