

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: 46

Suggestion for Title X

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<i>Text of the Praesidium</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
Article 46: Voluntary withdrawal from the Union 1. Any Member State may decide to withdraw from the European Union in accordance with its own constitutional requirements. 2. A Member State which decides to withdraw shall notify the Council of its intention. Once that notification has been given, the Union shall negotiate and conclude an agreement with that State, setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal, taking account of the framework for its future relationship with the Union. That agreement shall be concluded on behalf of the Union by the Council, acting by a qualified majority, after obtaining the assent of the European Parliament. The withdrawing State shall not participate in the Council's discussions or decisions concerning it. This Constitution shall cease to apply to the State in question as from the date of entry into force of the withdrawal agreement or, failing that, two years after the notification referred to in paragraph 2.	Article 46: Voluntary withdrawal from the Union 1. Any Member State may decide to withdraw from the European Union in accordance with its own constitutional requirements. 2. A Member State which decides to withdraw shall notify the Council of its intention. Once that notification has been given, the Union shall negotiate and conclude an agreement with that State, setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal, taking account of the framework for its future relationship with the Union. That agreement shall be concluded on behalf of the Union by the Council, acting by a qualified majority, after obtaining the assent of the European Parliament. The withdrawing State shall not participate in the Council's discussions or decisions concerning it. This Constitution shall cease to apply to the State in question as from the date of entry into force of the withdrawal agreement or, failing that, two years after the notification referred to in paragraph 2.

Explanation:

Since the right of secession from the Union has a wide range of direct consequences to the internal market and the Member States it shall be described in details. The article in the Constitutional Treaty should contain an exhausted list of the conditions upon which certain country could withdraw from the Union. Therefore, it seems that this article needs further examination.