

## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of: Subject : Title X : Union membership

### Article 46: Voluntary withdrawal from the Union

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*Text of the Praesidium*

*Proposed Amendments*

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***Explanation:***

The effect of a right to withdraw on the nature of the Union and of the mutual obligations of solidarity should be considered. The compatibility of such a procedure with other provisions of this Constitution should be analysed, in particular with the provisions enshrining the “irreversibility” and “irrevocability” of the third stage of Economic and Monetary Union (cf. the Protocol on the transition to the third stage of economic and monetary union).

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