

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 46

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<p><u>Article 46: Voluntary withdrawal from the Union</u></p> <p>1. Any Member State may decide to withdraw from the European Union in accordance with its own constitutional requirements.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The withdrawing State shall not participate in the Council's discussions or decisions concerning it.</p> <p>3. 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.</p>	<p><u>Article 46: Voluntary withdrawal from the Community</u></p> <p>1. Any Member State may decide to withdraw from the European <i>Community</i> in accordance with its own constitutional requirements.</p> <p>2. A Member State which decides to withdraw shall notify the Council of its intention. Once that notification has been given, the <i>Community</i> 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 <i>Community</i>. <u><i>The departing Member State and the Community shall aim to maintain their existing trade links.</i></u> That agreement shall be concluded on behalf of the <i>Community</i> by the Council, acting by a qualified majority, after obtaining the assent of the European Parliament.</p> <p>The withdrawing State shall not participate in the Council's discussions or decisions concerning <u><i>the withdrawal agreement or legislation coming into force 2 years after the notification referred to in paragraph 2.</i></u></p> <p>3. This <i>simplifying Treaty</i> 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.</p> <p>Explanatory note: Departing Member States should be encouraged to maintain their trading links with the Community through membership</p>

	of appropriate international bodies, such as the European Free Trade Area or the European Economic Area.
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