

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 46

Suggestion for Part III

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Status : Members Alternate

~~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.~~

~~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.~~

Explanation (if any) : The Dutch government is of the opinion that facilitating the possibility to withdraw from the Union is contrary to the idea of European integration as set out in the preamble of the TEU: “Resolved to continue the process of creating an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe”.