

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: III-68 **III-60**

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Text of the Praesidium

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Explanation:

There should be a formal proposal from the Commission to the Council on a draft for the broad guidelines of the economic policies of the Member States and of the Union, as it was considered by the Working Group VI. Such a modification would aim to strengthen the role of the Commission in multilateral supervision procedure on economic politics of the member states.

The para. 2 should be completed by indicating that the Council acts by a qualified majority, as it is provided for in the current provisions (article 99 TEC).