

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 73

Suggestion for Part: III

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7. The Council, on a proposal ~~recommendation~~ from the Commission, shall adopt by a qualified majority the European decisions and recommendations referred to in paragraphs 8 to 11. It shall act without taking into account the vote of the representative of the Member State concerned and of other Member States for which an excessive deficit has been confirmed and still exists as referred to in paragraph 6 and 11, and a qualified majority shall be defined as the majority of the other Member States, representing at least three fifths of their populations.

Explanation (if any):

The right of proposal strengthens the position of the Commission in the framework of the excessive deficit procedure. The Netherlands welcomes the proposals of the Convention. In addition, it suggests excluding the votes of other countries in an Excessive Deficit Procedure; both for the decision on the existence of an excessive deficit as for the recommendations to the Member State concerned. This could better ensure an objective decision making process.