

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-73.6

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Status : - **Members:** Hjelm-Wallén and Lekberg
 - **Alternates:** Petersson

6. The Council shall, on a **recommendation** ~~proposal~~ from the Commission, having considered any observations which the Member State concerned may wish to make and after an overall assessment, decide whether an excessive deficit exists. Where the Council decides that an excessive deficit exists, it shall adopt, according to the same procedures, the recommendations addressed to the Member State concerned with a view to bringing that situation to an end within a given period. Subject to paragraph 8, those recommendations shall not be made public.

~~Within the scope of this paragraph, the Council shall act without taking into account the vote of the representative of the Member State concerned, and a qualified majority shall be defined as the majority of the votes of the other Member States, representing at least three fifths of their populations.~~

Explanation :

The Commission should put forward a recommendation since economic policy is the responsibility of the Member States.

The Member State concerned should participate in the vote since it strengthens the Member State's commitment to implement the decision. However, as votes are taken by qualified majority the Member state concerned can still be outvoted.