

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 3, part II

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<i>Text of the Praesidium</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
<u>Article 3: [Role of national parliaments]</u>	<u>Article 3: [Role of national parliaments]</u>
<p>1. National parliaments may participate in the evaluation mechanisms contained in Article 4 of the Constitution and shall be involved in the political monitoring of Europol's activities in accordance with Article 22 of the Constitution.</p>	<p>1. National parliaments may participate in the evaluation mechanisms contained in Article 4 of the Constitution and shall be involved in the political monitoring of Europol's activities in accordance with Article 22 of the Constitution.</p>
<p>2. [Notwithstanding the provisions foreseen in the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, where at least one quarter of national parliaments issue reasoned opinions on non-compliance with the subsidiarity principle of a Commission proposal submitted in the context of Chapters 3 and 4 of this Title, the Commission shall review its proposal. After such review, the Commission may decide to maintain, amend or withdraw its proposal. The Commission shall give reasons for its decision. This provision shall also apply to initiatives emanating from a group of Member States in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of this Title.] ¹</p>	<p>2. [Notwithstanding the provisions foreseen in the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, where at least one quarter of national parliaments issue reasoned opinions on non-compliance with the subsidiarity principle of a Commission proposal submitted in the context of Chapters 3 and 4 of this Title, the Commission shall review its proposal. After such review, the Commission may decide to maintain, amend or withdraw its proposal. The Commission shall give reasons for its decision. This provision shall also apply to initiatives emanating from a group of Member States in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of this Title.] ²</p>

Explanation:

Since the article describes the particular role of the national parliaments it should be therefore placed in the part of the Treaty referring in general terms to the role of the national parliaments in the future Union.

Regardless whether this article will remain in this part of the Treaty or will be shifted to the Protocol the proposed number of one quarter of national parliaments is questionable and needs further examination. I see no reason for applying a different procedure in this area to the one proposed in the Protocol. The creation of a number of different procedures without a strong justification should be avoided as it adds complexity.