

## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III – 314

Suggestion for protocol :

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### Article III-314 [ex Article 279]

1. ~~The European law~~ **The Council, having consulted the European Parliament and obtained the opinion of the Court of Auditors, shall, on a proposal from the Commission:**

- (a) ~~shall~~ lay down the financial rules which determine in particular the procedure to be adopted for establishing and implementing the budget and for presenting and auditing accounts;
- (b) lay down rules concerning the responsibility of financial controllers, authorising officers and accounting officers.

It shall be adopted after consultation of the Court of Auditors. **The Council shall act unanimously until 1 January 2007.**

2. A Council regulation adopted on a proposal from the Commission shall lay down measures determining the methods and procedure whereby the budget revenue provided under the arrangements relating to the Union's own resources shall be made available to the Commission, and the measures to be applied, if need be, to meet cash requirements. The Council shall act **unanimously** after consulting the European Parliament and the Court of Auditors.

3. ~~The Council shall act unanimously until 1 January 2007 in all the cases referred to by this Article.~~

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**Explanation (if any) : I would wish to retain the agreement reached in the Treaty of Nice to allow a move to QMV in Council after 2007 for Article 314.1 and to retain unanimity and a consultative role for the Parliament with respect to the revenue and own resources provisions in Article 314.2.**