

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of: **PART IV OF THE CONSTITUTION:**
Article IV-6

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Suggestion

Article IV-6 (ex Article F)

Procedure for revising the Treaty establishing the Constitution

1. The government of any Member State, the European Parliament or the Commission may submit to the Council proposals for the amendment of ~~the Treaty establishing the Constitution~~. The national Parliaments of the Member States shall be notified of these proposals.
2. If the European Council, after consulting the European Parliament and the Commission, adopts by a simple majority a decision in favour of examining the proposed amendments, ~~the President of the European Council shall convene~~ a Convention shall be convened composed of *one representative of each* of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, of *two* representatives of *each of* the national Parliaments of the Member States, *a number of representatives of the European Parliament equal to the total number of representatives of national Parliaments* and *of 5 representatives* of the Commission. The European Central Bank shall also be consulted in the case of institutional changes in the monetary area. The European Council may decide by a ~~simple~~ *qualified* majority *with the assent of the European Parliament* not to convene the Convention should this not be justified by the extent of the proposed amendments. In the latter case, the European Council shall define the terms of reference for the conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States. *The Convention shall elect its President and up to four Vice-Presidents to coordinate its sessions.* The Convention shall examine the proposals for amendments and shall adopt by consensus a recommendation to the conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States provided for in paragraph 3.
3. The conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States shall be convened by the President of the Council for the purpose of determining by common accord, *and on the basis of the results of the Convention*, the amendments to be made to ~~the Treaty establishing the Constitution~~. The amendments shall enter into force after being ratified by *4/5 of* all the Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements.
4. *The procedure under the present Article shall be the only procedure by which the Constitution (Part One, Part Two, Part Three, Part Four) and the Protocols annexed to it may be amended.*

Explanation (if any) : The Convention method should be the general method for Constitution changes in the future, its composition should be fixed in the Constitution. With 25 or more Member States a provision on entry into force by ratification by an overwhelming majority is all the more important in order to secure the Union's ability to act.