

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

### **Suggestion for amendment of Article : F (Part Three: General and Final Provisions – The Articles)**

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Art. F

Replace para. 2 with the following two paragraphs:

If the Council after consulting the European Parliament and, where appropriate, the Commission, delivers an opinion in favour of the opening of the amendments procedure, a Convention composed of the representatives of the governments, of the national parliaments, of the European Parliament and of the European Commission shall be convened by the President of the European Council for the purpose of determining by a qualified majority of three quarters [by a special procedure which is to be established] the amendments to be made to the Constitutional Treaty.

If the European Council does not agree to convene a Convention, it shall be automatically convened every four [five] years.

or As an alternative for the above proposal we suggest to replace para.2 with the following text:

The amendments to the Constitutional Treaty shall be decided by the Council following a proposal from any Member State or the Commission. The amendments shall be ratified by the European Parliament and the Legislative Council convened in a joint session by QMV.

- Para. 1 and 3 of the existing draft will remain unchanged.

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### **Explanation (if any) :**

Amending the Constitution through the Convention method instead of IGC/ (Convention +IGC) represents a more democratic way of revising the Constitution