

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : F

Suggestion for Part III

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Article F : Procedure for revising the Constitutional Treaty

The national parliament or the government of any Member State, **the European Parliament** or the Commission may submit to the Council proposals for the amendment of the Constitutional Treaty. The national Parliaments shall be notified of these proposals.

If the Council, after consulting the European Parliament, **except the cases when the European Parliament submits the proposals**, and, where appropriate, the Commission, **may call a Convention composed of representatives of the national parliaments, the national governments, the European Parliament and the Commission. The Convention shall consider the proposals for the amendments of the Constitutional Treaty and, on a basis of a consensus, make proposals to** a conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States. The conference shall be convened by the President of the Council for the purpose of determining by common accord the amendments to be made to the Constitutional Treaty. The Council of the European Central Bank shall also be concluded in the case of institutional changes in the monetary area.

The amendments shall enter into force after being ratified by all the Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements.

Explanation (if any) :

The national parliaments should also have the right of initiative to submit proposals for the amendment of the Constitutional Treaty in addition to the national governments, as well as the European Parliament. It is one of the ways of bringing Europe closer to people.

The Convention has proved to be a useful work method for the treaty amendments of the constitutional scale. The Constitutional Treaty therefore should contain an enabling clause to call a Convention to consider proposals for amendments of the Constitutional Treaty .