

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for Part III Article G: Adoption, ratification and entry into force of the Constitutional Treaty

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Article G: Adoption, ratification and entry into force of the Constitutional Treaty

1. The Constitutional Treaty shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Government of the Italian Republic.

2. The Constitutional Treaty shall enter into force on ..., provided that all the instruments of ratification have been deposited, or, failing that, on the first day of the month following the deposit of the instrument of ratification by the last signatory State to take this step.

3. If, ~~two~~ **1.5 (1)** years after the signature of the Constitutional Treaty, four fifths of the Member States

have ratified it and one or more Member States have encountered difficulties in proceeding with ratification, the matter shall be referred to the European Council. **For dealing with this matter in a justified manner the European Council will receive a rapport by the European Commission and an opinion of the European Parliament (2).**

Explanation (if any) :

1. In order to keep pressure on the member states to ratify the Treaty, the period after the signature of the Treaty should be shortened.
2. The European institutions should have a say in this procedure.