

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: G

Suggestion for Part III

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<i>Text of the Praesidium</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
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 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.	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 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.

Explanation:

Since the Constitutional Treaty is at the same time an establishing treaty it is of the utmost importance to assure that the Treaty could come into force only if it is ratified unanimously by all

the Member States of the Union, according to the rule: no ratification - no membership. There is no logic rationale to have two groups of Union's states with two different legal standards (full- and semi-membership).