

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: F

Suggestion for Part III

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Status: Member

Article F: Procedure for revising the Constitutional Treaty

1. The government of any Member State, or the Commission, may submit to the Council proposals for the amendment of **the first part of** the Constitutional Treaty. The national Parliaments shall be notified of these proposals.
If the Council, after consulting the European Parliament and, where appropriate, the Commission, delivers an opinion in favour of calling 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 consulted 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.
 2. **Following a decision of the Council**, the Conference of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States may be preceded by a preparatory Convention convened by the President of the European Council and composed of representatives of the national Parliaments, the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission. At the close of its proceedings, the Convention shall adopt by consensus a recommendation to the Conference of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States.
 3. **The government of any Member State, or the Commission, may submit to the Council proposals for amendments to the second part of the Constitutional Treaty. The national parliaments shall be notified of these proposals.**
The Council, after consulting the European Parliament and, where appropriate, the Commission, shall take a decision by unanimity on the amendments to be made to the second part of the Constitutional Treaty.
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Explanation (if any):

With a view to achieving flexibility and avoiding constant IGCs in the future we consider that the procedure for revising the constitutional treaty should be different for its two composite parts. The first part, if subject to amendment, should be preceded by an IGC, and where appropriate, upon a decision of the Council, by a Convention and should require ratification by all Member States. The second part – functional or technical provisions - dealing predominantly with common policies, should be amended following an easier procedure that requires solely a decision of the Council.

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Suggestion for amendment of Article: G

Suggestion for Part III

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Status: **Member**

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

1. The **present** 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 **present** 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 **present** 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 (if any):

We do not see the need for introducing that threshold, since it would suffice to have even one case (Member State) of non-ratification in order to refer the matter to the European Council.