

AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article G, Part III**

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**Status : Alternate**

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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 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.<sup>1</sup>~~

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<sup>1</sup> Article G.3 is unnecessary. The European Council already has the possibility to discuss political solutions if a Member State does not ratify a Treaty. This has also happened after referenda in Denmark and Ireland where there has been a majority in favour of rejecting a Treaty. Thus, this paragraph could be deleted.