

## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :

Suggestion for **Part III Article F: Procedure for revising the Constitutional Treaty**

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### Article F: Procedure for revising the Constitution

*(1) The government of any Member State, the European Parliament and the Commission may submit to the Council proposals for the amendment of the Constitution.*

*(2) The amendment of the Constitution shall be prepared by a Constitutional Convention which shall be convened by the Council after consulting the European Parliament and the Commission, and which shall within one year draw up a final document containing a detailed draft text.*

*The Constitutional Convention shall be composed of:*

- *a Convention Chairman appointed by the Council with the approval of the European Parliament;*
- *a representative delegated by the government of each Member State;*
- *two representatives delegated by the national parliaments of each Member State;*
- *54 members of the European Parliament;*
- *four members of the European Commission.*

*In the case of institutional changes in the monetary area, one delegate of the ECB shall also participate in the Constitutional Convention.*

*The President of the European Court of Justice, the President of the European Court of Auditors, the President of the Committee of the Regions, the President of the Economic and Social Committee and the Ombudsman may each delegate one observer to the Constitutional Convention.*

*(3) The constitutional amendment adopted by the Constitutional Convention must be confirmed by a conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States. This conference shall be convened by the President of the Council immediately subsequent to the Convention.*

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

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**Explanation (if any) :** While the Convention method should become the general mechanism for amending the Constitutional Treaty as it generates general debate and thus legitimizes the process, amendments should come into force only after they have been ratified by **all** member states. Any other solution would radically change the nature of the European integration.