

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article X

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<p>Article X: to be inserted in Title VI on "The Union's Democratic Life"</p> <p>1. The Congress of the Peoples of Europe shall provide a forum for contact and consultation in European political life. It shall meet at least once a year. Its meetings shall be public. The President of the European Parliament shall convene and chair them.</p> <p>2. The Congress shall not intervene in the Council's legislative procedure.</p> <p>3. The President of the European Council shall report on the State of the Union. The President of the Commission shall present the annual legislative programme.</p> <p>4. One third of the Congress shall be members of the European Parliament: two thirds shall be representatives of national Parliaments. The total shall not exceed seven hundred.</p>	<p><i>DELETE</i></p> <p>Explanation: Whilst it is important for MPs and MEPs to liaise more closely, to meet once a year to hear the forthcoming legislative programme seems unnecessary. It would be far better for MPs and MEPs to scrutinise the transpositions of legislation together in order to prevent ‘gold plating’ (see Amendment to Articles 9 and 28). This would allow regular opportunities for both contact and consultation between participants in European political life.</p>