

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article: X, Part I – Title VI

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#### ~~Article X: to be inserted in Title VI on "The Union's Democratic Life"~~

- ~~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.~~
  - ~~2. The Congress shall not intervene in the Council's legislative procedure.~~
  - ~~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.~~
  - ~~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.~~
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#### Explanation:

We do not support the idea of a European Congress. The establishment of such a Congress is an unnecessary step that will complicate the institutional set-up of the European Union. Furthermore, already today the European Parliament and the national parliaments have a more informal contact forum, namely COSAC. COSAC forms an integral part of the protocol on national parliaments and is currently undergoing an important internal reform process. Why not build on existing structures and mention COSAC in the Constitutional Treaty instead?