

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article X: To be inserted in Title VI on “The Union’s Democratic Life”

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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.

Explanation (if any) :

There is widespread consensus that no new institutions should be created. Inclusion of this Article in the Treaty can only be accepted on the basis that no new institution is being created and that the proposed ‘Congress’ does not, and cannot, have any role in relation to legislation, appointments, or in any other matters which are properly matters for the Union’s institutions, or in relation to Treaty change.