

Working Group IV

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## **Working group IV – "Role of National Parliaments"**

**Subject:**      **The comments by Mr Michel Barnier to the draft final report of  
Working Group IV on National Parliaments (WD 032 - WG IV)**

Members of Working Group IV will find hereafter comments by Ms Michel Barnier, member of the European Commission, member of the Praesidium of the European Convention.

**Amendments to the Draft final report of Working Group IV on national parliaments (WD 32)  
by Commissioner Michel Barnier**

Paragraph 13

- line 5 after “parliaments” insert “by the Commission”

Paragraph 15

- line 6 after “clearly” insert “to ensure that all proposals for legislation are covered”

Paragraph 19

- line 3 after “Commission” delete “presented its annual legislative” and insert “transmitted its Annual Policy Strategy and annual legislative and work”
- lines 5-6 delete “This should .... European Parliament” and insert “This should be done at the same time as the documents are transmitted to the European Parliaments and the Council”

Paragraph 20

- third indent to read: “*The Commission should transmit the Annual Policy Strategy and annual legislative and work programme to national parliaments*”

Paragraph 23

- line 3-4 delete “annual legislative programme” and insert “strategic programming documents”
- at end add: “The Group noted Commissioner Barnier’s explanation that the subsidiarity and proportionality implications of proposals would only become fully clear once they were adopted by the Commission.”

Paragraph 24

- lines 7-8 delete “towards the end of” and insert “throughout”
- line 9 after proposal insert “The warning would be addressed to the institution which was the source of the amendment.”

Paragraph 25

- indent on the “early warning mechanism”: deleted
- new indent: “The early warning mechanism should be extended to allow national parliaments to raise concerns about subsidiarity throughout the legislative process, in those cases where a proposal has changed considerably.”