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Subject :	Contribution by Mrs Marta Fogler, alternate member of the Convention “Contribution on the budgetary procedure”

The Secretary-General of the Convention has received the contribution annexed hereto from Mrs Marta Fogler, alternate Member of the Convention.

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Delegation of the Polish Parliament

Contribution on the budgetary procedure

I would like to consider the article 38 of the Constitutional Treaty concerning the provisions relating to the system of the own resources of the Union. I suggest introducing the qualified majority voting in the Council instead of the unanimity with the assent of the European Parliament instead of the consultation. Such a change should cause, that the decision - making process will be more democratic and efficient in the enlarged Union through granting the European Parliament with the right of codecision in budgetary items.

We should also add an extra paragraph in the article 39 which would underline the need of providing the Union with the means necessary to attain its objectives and carry out its policies.

It is crucial to refer to the procedure which defines, that the implementation of expenditure shown in the budget shall require the prior adoption of a binding legal act which provides a legal basis for the Union's action and for the implementation of expenditures in accordance with the law referring to in the Article B (Part II, ex-279: Financial Regulation) as a general rule.

I would suggest adding an extra paragraph to the article 40. It should precise that the European Parliament and the Council are the two equal branches of the Union's budgetary authority and one more paragraph defining that the preliminary budget draft shall be proposed to the European Parliament and the Council by the Commission on the basis of estimates drawn up by all bodies of institutional triangle of the Union.

In the article 40, we have to define that during the adoption of the Union's annual budget the European Parliament shall act by the majority of its members and the Council by qualified majority.

The Union's budget should be established in compliance with the multiannual financial perspective, which shall correspond to the length of the mandate of the European Parliament and the European Commission. The multiannual financial perspective should be adopted in a budgetary codecision procedure by the Council acting by a restricted qualified majority and the European Parliament by the majority of its members. These amendments follow the EPP proposal.