

AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article Protocol on National Parliaments
By Mr Proinsias De Rossa**

Status : - Member

**Co-signed by Mr Alberto Costa, member, Mr Pat Carey, alternate,
Mr Guilherme d'Oliveira Martins, alternate, Mr Vytenis Andriukaitis, member and
Mr John Gormley, alternate**

That the protocol on National Parliaments be amended as follows: Insert the words highlighted in bold type.

Paragraph 1. All Commission consultation documents (green or white papers and communications) shall be forwarded directly by the Commission to Members States' national parliaments upon publication. The Commission shall also send member States' national parliaments, the legislative programme as well as any other instrument of legislative planning or policy strategy **or co-ordination**, that it submits to the European Parliament and to the Council, at the same time as to those institutions. **A National Parliament may invite the President of the Commission or a Commissioner nominated by the President, to present the annual legislative programme to a formal sitting of their parliament.**

Explanation (if any) :

As the Open Method of Coordination is currently used in eleven policy coordination areas, and as the national parliaments have a central role in monitoring the progress of these policies, it is important that they receive the Commission documentation relating to them

The presentation of the Commission's annual legislative programme to national parliaments would bring Europe closer to the people in a very real way, particularly if such presentations were coordinated to occur within a short period of time in all Member States. This is the idea behind the proposal for a 'European Week' which was recommended in the report of the Working Group on National Parliaments