

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Protocol On The Role of National Parliaments in the European Union

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New text in article 8

II. Interparliamentary co-operation

8. Efforts made by national parliaments in order to improve interparliamentary co-operation should be encouraged. The co-operation may be bilateral or multilateral. Interparliamentary contacts create conditions for better understanding of different perspectives in member states.

~~The European Parliament and the national parliaments shall together examine how interparliamentary cooperation may be effectively promoted within the European Union.~~

Explanation:

Well developed interparliamentary contacts counteract parochialism. Especially bilateral meetings have proven to be able to create favorable conditions for understanding of specific political conditions in another member state. Meetings between committees in two different member states may often be of good help in order to better understand other points of view.