

AMENDMENT FORM 7

Suggestion for amendment of Article 9 § 2

Suggestion for amendment of Article 16 § 2

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"ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS IN ENSURING RESPECT FOR THE SUBSIDIARITY PRINCIPLE"

**Amend Article 9 §2 :**

*" In exercising the Union's non-exclusive competences, the Institutions shall apply the principle of subsidiarity as laid down in the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality annexed to the Constitution. The procedure set out in the Protocol shall enable national parliaments and the Committee of the Regions, to ensure compliance with the principle of subsidiarity."*

**Amend Article 16 §2 :**

*" Using the procedure for monitoring the subsidiarity principle referred to in Article 9, the Commission shall draw Member States' national parliament' and, the Committee of the Regions' attention to proposals based on this Article."*

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**Explanation:**

The Convention's working groups on subsidiarity and on the role of national parliaments, as

well as the European Parliament resolution on the role of regional and local authorities in European integration, have recommended that the Committee of the Regions should participate in the subsidiarity monitoring mechanism. The 7 February 2003 debate confirmed broad support for this principle. The draft Article 9(2) omitted this reference. This article should therefore be supplemented, as should Article 16(2) (flexibility clause) which relates to it. The draft protocol on the application of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles will of course also need to indicate the role of the Committee of the Regions in each stage of the procedure.