

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of: PART III OF THE CONSTITUTION:  
Article III-304**

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### **Suggestion**

#### **Article III-304 (new)**

1. The multiannual financial framework shall be established for a period of at least five years in accordance with Article [I-54].
  2. The multiannual financial framework shall fix the amounts of the annual ceilings on commitment appropriations by category of expenditure and of the annual ceiling on payment appropriations. The categories of expenditure, few in number, shall correspond to the Union's major sectors of activity.
  3. The financial framework shall lay down any other provisions required for the annual budgetary procedure to run smoothly **including a flexibility mechanism designed to allow for needs not provided for in the multiannual financial framework to be met during the period covered.**
  4. Where no European law of the Council setting a new financial framework has been adopted by the end of the period covered by the previous framework, the ceilings and other provisions corresponding to the last year of that framework shall be extended until such time as a new law is adopted.
  5. Throughout the procedure leading to the adoption of the multiannual financial framework, the Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall **jointly** take any measure necessary to facilitate the successful completion of the procedure.
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#### **Explanation (if any) :**

The obligation to engage in a process of concertation should be strengthened.