

Treaty on European Union: Article N (Maastricht, 7 February 1992)

Caption: Article N of the Treaty on European Union, signed in Maastricht on 7 February 1992 by the Foreign Ministers and the Ministers for Economic Affairs or Finance of the Twelve, introduces a review clause applicable to all Community Treaties and the Treaty on European Union and provides for an Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) to be convened in 1996 in order to consider which provisions of the Treaty of Maastricht need to be revised.

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Article N

1. The government of any Member State or the Commission may submit to the Council proposals for the amendment of the Treaties on which the Union is founded.

If the Council, after consulting the European Parliament and, where appropriate, the Commission, delivers an opinion in favour of calling a conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States, the conference shall be convened by the President of the Council for the purpose of determining by common accord the amendments to be made to those Treaties. The European Central Bank shall also be consulted in the case of institutional changes in the monetary area.

The amendments shall enter into force after being ratified by all the Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements.

2. A conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States shall be convened in 1996 to examine those provisions of this Treaty for which revision is provided, in accordance with the objectives set out in Articles A and B.

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