

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0987/00

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to the Commission

Subject: List of provisions for which unanimity is still required (reference: annex to the Commission's opinion of 26 January 2000 concerning the Intergovernmental Conference)

The co-rapporteur on the Intergovernmental Conference for the European Parliament's Committee on Constitutional Affairs asks the Commission

1. to justify its proposal for the long list of provisions on which unanimous votes would continue to be taken, and especially Parts 2 (institutional decisions) and 4 (parallel internal and external decisions) and
2. to explain the arguments in relation to the fundamental question of how this proposal for the perpetuation of unanimity in many areas is to be reconciled with the concept of the 'governance' of a European Union of 28 or more Member States if each Member State is to continue to have a right of veto even where details are concerned.