

# **LISBON TREATY**

## **FURTHER NOVELTIES / REMARKS**

# UNION COMPETENCES

Art 5 TEU new

1. The limits of Union competences are governed by the **principle of conferral**. The use of Union competences is governed by the **principles of subsidiarity and proportionality**.

[...]

# FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Art 6 TEU new

1. The Union recognises the rights, freedoms and principles set out in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union [...] which shall have **the same legal value as the Treaties.**

[...]

2. The **Union shall accede to the European Convention** for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. [...]

# PROVISIONS ON DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

[...]

Art 11 paragraph 4 TEU new:

Not less than one million **citizens** who are nationals of a significant number of Member States may take the **initiative of inviting the European Commission**, within the framework of its powers, **to submit any appropriate proposal** on matters where citizens consider that a legal act of the Union is required for the purpose of implementing the Treaties.

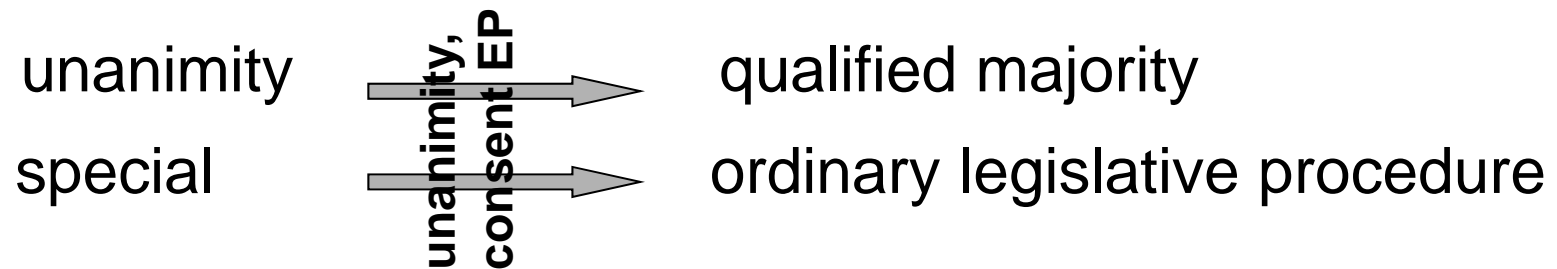
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# SOME GENERAL ISSUES

- **co-decision** = **ordinary** legislative procedure

NOTE Art 48 TEU new:

- Ordinary Revision Procedure <->  
**Simplified** Revision Procedure (Part III TFEU)
- **procedural flexibility** clause (see paragraph 7)



NOTE Art 50 TEU new:

- possibility to **withdraw from the Union**