LAW-MAKING IN THE EU

European Council

-Heads of State of Member States

*Sets EU 'agenda' at 6 monthly summit meetings.

-Bureaucracy headed by 27 commissioners (one appointed by each Member State).

-Manages EU budget and common policies

European Commission

*Monopoly on proposing EU law.

Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER)

-Appointed Heads/Deputy Heads of 'missions' from member states.

*Prepares agenda for CofM meetings, makes procedural decisions and negotiates some Commission proposals.

Council of Ministers

member state.

*-Votes (largely by QMV) to accept or re--Relevant government ministers from each ject law proposed by the Commission. -Votes to accept or reject amendments on that law proposed by the EP.

European Parliament (EP)

-736 directly elected members (MEPs); of which 72 are from the UK.

*-Relevant EP committees propose amendments to law initiated by the Commission.

Co-decision

-EP votes on whether to accept or reject amendments and the proposed law.

European Court of Justice (ECJ)

- 27 judges; one appointed from each Member State.

*Enforces EU law.