

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 16a: The European Council Chair

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Status: I. Korčok and J. Figel' are members, J. Migaš is an alternate.

Article 16 a: The European Council Chair

~~1. The European Council shall elect its President, by qualified majority, for a term of two and a half years, renewable once. The person elected must be, or have been for at least two years, a member of the European Council. In cases of serious malpractice, the European Council can end his mandate according to the same procedure.~~

The office of President shall be held in turn by each Member State for a term of six months in the order decided by the European Council acting unanimously. Member State holding the office of the President is at the same time a member of the team Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

On issues concerning its common foreign and security policy ~~he~~ the Presidency shall ensure that the Union ~~at his level~~ is effectively represented in the wider world.

2. The Presidency of the European Council shall chair it and drive forward its work, ensuring proper preparation and continuity. ~~He~~ It shall endeavour to facilitate cohesion and consensus within the European Council. ~~He~~ It shall present a report to the European Parliament after each of its meetings.

~~3. The European Council may decide by consensus to create a board consisting of three of its members chosen according to a system of equitable rotation.~~

~~4. The President of the European Council may not be a member of another European institution or hold a national mandate.~~

Explanation (if any):

