

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 16a

Suggestion for Part I

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Article ~~16a~~ 16b: The Secretary General of the European Council ~~Chair~~

1. The European Council shall ~~elect~~ **appoint** its ~~President~~ **Secretary General**, 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 **or her** mandate according to the same procedure.

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

2. The ~~President~~ **Secretary General** of the European Council shall ~~chair it and~~ drive forward its work, ensuring proper preparation and continuity. He **or she** shall endeavour to facilitate cohesion and consensus within the European Council. He **or she** shall present a report to the European Parliament after each of its meetings **and send the report to the parliaments of the Member States.**
4. 3. The ~~President~~ **Secretary General** of the European Council may not be a member of another European institution or hold a national mandate.

Explanation (if any) :