

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :

Suggestion for protocol :

By Ms / Mr :

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PART I OF THE CONSTITUTION

TITLE IV: The Union's Institutions

Article 16a : The European Council Chair

- 1. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL PRESIDENCY SHALL ROTATE EVERY 6 MONTHS AMONG THE MEMBER STATES. A NEUTRAL STAFF-TEAM SET UP IN THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT SHALL SUPPORT THE PRESIDENCY. THE INDIVIDUAL COUNCILS AND WORKING GROUPS MAY BY UNANIMITY ELECT THEIR OWN FIXED CHAIR AMONG QUALIFIED MEMBERS IN THE GROUP.**

[**DELETE:** 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]

[**DELETE:** 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. [DELETE:** The President of the European Council shall chair it and drive forward its work, ensuring proper preparation and continuity. He shall endeavour to facilitate cohesion and consensus within the European Council. He shall present a report to the European Parliament after each of its meetings.]

3. **[DELETE:** 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. **[DELETE:** The President of the European Council may not be a member of another European institution or hold a national mandate.]

Explanation (if any) :