

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 16a (Title IV)

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : X - Member - Alternate

Article 16a : The European Council Chair

1. The European Council shall **be chaired on a rotating basis**. *[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.]*

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]* **Chairman** 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 **written** report to the European Parliament **and to national parliaments** after each of its meetings.

3. The European Council may decide by *[consensus]* **unanimity** to create a **temporary** 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) : The Council should continue to be chaired by national representatives, from all countries, on a rotating basis.