

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 16a

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Article 16a : 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.~~

~~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 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. ~~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

The European Council should be chaired by the Head of State or Government of the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council. This should be included in Article 15, concerning the European Council.