

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 16a

Suggestion for Part I

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Status : - Member Alternate

The Article 16a : The European Council ~~Chair~~ President

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.~~ **The President of the European Council shall be elected by direct, universal suffrage in accordance with a uniform electoral procedure in all Member States.** In cases of serious malpractice, the European Council Parliament can end his mandate **acting by a three-fifths majority of its members** ~~according to the same procedure.~~ **The procedures of this paragraph shall be regulated by a European law.**

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

2 The President of the European Council shall chair and drive forward the work of the European Council and ensure its preparation and continuity. He shall endeavour to facilitate cohesion and consensus within the European Council. He shall give a report to the European Parliament after each of its meetings.

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

Explanation (if any) :

Para 1: If the rotation system is not retained, an elected President should have sufficient democratic legitimacy. A directly elected President would strengthen the role of the European citizen, contribute to the substantial equality of the Member States and facilitate a new, stable

balance between the institutions.

Para 3: Has been deleted since the option of creating a board would inevitably complicate the functioning of the E. Council and is of questionable added value.