

## 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.~~The Presidency of the European Council shall be held in turn by each Member State for a term of six months in the order decided by the European Council acting unanimously.

~~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~~The Presidency shall, in conjunction with the Commission, ensure proper preparation and continuity. ~~He shall endeavour to~~in the work of the European Council, and 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 co-ordinating group consisting of the President-in-Office, together with his immediate predecessor and successor. ~~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.~~

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**Explanation (if any) :**

The rotation of the Presidency of the European Council between all Member States on the basis of equality should be retained.