

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 19

Suggestion for Part I

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Article 19 18: The Foreign Minister of the European Union

1. ~~The European Council, deciding by qualified majority, with the agreement of the President of the Commission, shall appoint the Foreign Minister~~ **The Foreign Minister of the European Union shall conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy, common security and defence policy, shall handle Union's external relations and co-ordinate other aspects of the Union's external action.**
 2. The Foreign Minister shall contribute by his **or her** proposals to the development of the common foreign policy, which he **or she** shall carry out as mandated by the **European Council**. The same shall apply to the common security and defence policy. **The Foreign Minister shall chair the Foreign Affairs Council.**
 3. The Foreign Minister shall be one of the Vice-Presidents of the Commission. ~~He shall be responsible there for handling external relations and for co-ordinating other aspects of the Union's external action.~~ **In exercising these responsibilities handling external relations of the Union and co-ordinating other aspects of the its external action** within the Commission, and only for these responsibilities, he **or she** shall be bound by Commission procedures. **The office of the Foreign Minister shall be in the Commission.**
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Explanation (if any) :