

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of: PART I OF THE CONSTITUTION, TITLE IV: The Union's Institutions, Article 19 : The Foreign Minister

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#### Suggestion

#### TITLE IV: The Union's Institutions

#### Article 19 : The Foreign Minister

1. The European Council, deciding by qualified majority, with the agreement of the President of the Commission *and after consulting the European Parliament*, shall appoint the Union's Foreign Minister. ~~He shall conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy.~~
  2. *The Foreign Minister shall conduct and develop the Union's common foreign and security policy*, which he shall carry out as mandated by the Council. The same shall apply to the common security and defence policy.
  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 within the Commission, and only for these responsibilities, he shall be bound by Commission procedures.
  4. *The Foreign Minister will also be the Head of the Delegations of the Commission which will be called Delegations of the European Union. He shall be supported by a single administration within the Commission including officials from the relevant units from the General Secretariat of the Council and foreign ministries of the Member States. The administration shall work as mandated by the Council as far as it does not interfere in the competences of the Commission.*
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#### Explanation (if any) :

The rights of the European Parliament in the inauguration of the Commission should be expanded. The role of the future Foreign Minister of the EU may be of a significance that it appears to be impossible that his appointment will take place without any deeper involvement of the European Parliament.

The whole Art. 19 on the Foreign Minister of the European Union is rather vague. His responsibilities should be made clearer. It should not be open to discussion whether he has a grip on the traditional External Relations DG of the Commission or the respective units dealing with foreign and security policy and external relations in the Secretariat General. It should also be mentioned here that he is the Head of the future worldwide delegations of the Union.