

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 19

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Status : - Alternate

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#### Article 19 : ~~The Foreign Minister~~

1. ~~The European Council, deciding by qualified majority, with the agreement of the President of the Commission, shall appoint the Union's Foreign Minister. He~~ **The Member of the Commission to who is responsible for handling external action in the Commission shall conduct also have some competence in** the Union's common foreign and security policy.
  2. ~~The Foreign Minister~~ **Member of the Commission mentioned in Paragraph 1** shall contribute by his proposals to the development of the common foreign 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~~ **Member of the Commission mentioned in Paragraph 1** 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.
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#### Explanation (if any):

A Member of the Commission cannot really conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy. He shouldn't either be named Foreign Minister.