

**AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article 19**

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<i>Text of the Praesidium</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
<p><b>Article 19 : The Foreign Minister</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="180 633 815 853">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 shall conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy.</li><li data-bbox="180 891 815 1111">2. The Foreign Minister 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.</li><li data-bbox="180 1149 815 1509">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.</li></ol>	<p><b>Article 19 : The Foreign Minister Representative</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="815 633 1433 1039">1. The European Council, deciding by qualified majority, with the agreement of the President of the Commission, shall appoint the Union's Foreign <b>Representative Minister</b>. He shall conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy. <b>The Foreign Representative shall resign upon a request of the European Council deciding by qualified majority.</b></li><li data-bbox="815 1077 1433 1330">2. The Foreign <b>Representative Minister</b> 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.</li><li data-bbox="815 1368 1433 1729">3. The Foreign <b>Representative Minister</b> 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.</li><li data-bbox="815 1767 1433 2018">4. <b>The Foreign Representative shall be assisted by two deputies. One of them shall be designated to this function by the Foreign Representative in common accord with the President of the Commission from the Members of the Commission. His tasks would be</b></li></ol>

	<p><b>confined by the mandate of the Commission. The second deputy shall be elected by the European Council following the same procedure as in case of the Foreign Representative. He shall assist the Foreign Representative in the function of the chairman of the Council of Foreign Ministers, chair the Political and Security Committee.</b></p> <p><b>5. The Foreign Representative shall have at his disposal a joint administrative service drawing upon officials of the European Commission, the General Secretariat of the Council and the Member States administrations.</b></p> <p><b>6. The Foreign Representative shall have at his disposal the Union's external relations budget.</b></p>
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**Explanation:**  
The description "Foreign Minister" may cause a confusion between this function and that of national ministers. Therefore, I propose the label of Union's Foreign Representative. He should enjoy a special status within the Commission. Faced with a significant workload he should be assisted by two deputies. One of them would be elected form the Commissioners' body.