

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 19

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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 who shall conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy.~~ **have overall responsibility for the Union's external action in accordance with the provisions of [...Part II of the Constitution]. The Foreign Minister shall be member of the Commission and one of its Vice-Presidents.**
 2. The Foreign Minister shall **conduct the Union's common foreign, security and defence policy. He shall contribute by his make proposals to regarding** the development of the common foreign, **security and defence** policy, which he shall carry out as mandated by the Council. ~~The same shall apply to the common security and defence policy.~~
 3. **Within the Commission,** ~~t~~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. ~~It~~ **When** exercising these ~~responsibilities~~ **functions** within the Commission, ~~and only for these responsibilities,~~ he shall be bound by **the rules applying to the Commission procedures as laid down in this Constitution.**
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