

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: 19, Part I

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Article 19 : The External Representative of the European Union ~~Foreign Minister~~

1. The European Council, deciding by qualified majority, with the agreement of the President of the Commission, shall appoint **the External Representative of the European Union** ~~Foreign Minister~~. He shall conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy, **as mandated by the Council and under its authority**.
2. The ~~Foreign Minister~~ **External Representative of the European Union** 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~~ **including** the common security and defence policy.
3. The ~~Foreign Minister~~ **External Representative of the European Union** 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 External Representative of the European Union shall be assisted by Alternate External Representatives.**

Explanation (if any):

The proposed wording reflects more precisely the nature of the post established. The wording of the current draft could create misinterpretation, as there do exist the posts bearing the same name in the member states of the European Union.