

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Art. 19

Suggestion for protocol :

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Article 19 : The Foreign Minister

***NB:** For purposes of systematic organisation of the Constitutional Treaty, the description of the functions and the designation of the Foreign Minister could be placed under the chapter related to the CFSP (and the detailed provisions in Part II of the Treaty).*

1. The European Council, deciding by qualified majority, with the agreement of the President of the Commission, shall appoint the Union's Foreign Minister **among the members of the Commission**. ~~He shall conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy.~~
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.
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.

Explanation (if any) :