

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 19 : The European Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Foreign Minister

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#### Article 19: The Union Minister for Foreign Affairs ~~Foreign Minister~~

1. The European Council, deciding by qualified majority, with the agreement of the President of the Commission, shall appoint the Union ~~Foreign~~ **Minister for Foreign Affairs**. He shall conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy, **as mandated by the Council and under its authority**.
2. The **Union Minister for Foreign Affairs** 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~~ **Union Minister for Foreign Affairs** shall be **a Member of the Commission and one of the its** 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 Council, deciding by qualified majority, with the agreement of the President of the Commission, shall appoint not more than five Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs on the basis of nominations by the Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Council shall decide the responsibilities of the Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs on the basis of a proposal from the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs.**

**Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs shall act under the authority of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. They shall not be members of the Commission. They may represent the Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Council and may attend relevant meetings of the Commission. In addition, they may attend meetings of the Political and Security Committee.**

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#### **Explanation (if any) :**

The preferred title is Union Minister for Foreign Affairs and this should be used consistently throughout the Treaty's Articles.

Consideration will need to be given to dismissal mechanisms for the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs and for Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs.