

AMENDMENT FORM

Title IV

Suggestion for amendment of Article 19

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Add a new sentence to the paragraph 1 as follows:

1. The European Council, deciding by qualified majority, with the agreement of the President of the Commission, shall appoint the Union's Foreign Minister. **This appointment becomes effective after its ratification by the European Parliament.** He shall conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy

Delete the second part of the first sentence of the paragraph 2

2. The Foreign Minister shall contribute by his proposals to the development of the common foreign policy **[Delete]**. The same shall apply to the common security and defence policy
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Explanation:

The European Parliament must have a role in respect of such an important appointment. In this way both the relevance of the Parliament and the legitimacy of the Foreign Minister will be consolidated. Otherwise the Foreign Minister will be the only member of the Commission who will not be confirmed by the European Parliament.