

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 19

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Alternate

~~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 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.¹~~

¹ Delete. No Foreign Minister shall be appointed. If you want simplifying and clarifying you shall not mix the institutions. A "double-hatted" position bringing together *ad personam* the functions of the High Representative and those of the Commissioner for External Relations is in conflict with article 18.4 saying : « In carrying out its responsibilities, the Commission shall be completely independent. In the discharge of their duties members of the Commission shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government or other body. »