

## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : I-27

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### Article I-27 : The ~~Foreign Minister~~External Representative

1. Okay.
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  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 coordinating other aspects of the Union's external action. In exercising these responsibilities within the Commission, he shall enjoy special status and not be bound by the Commission's duty to act collectively and only for these responsibilities, the Foreign Minister shall be bound by Commission procedures.
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#### Explanation (if any) :

*We do not accept the title 'Foreign Minister' as it is misleading (he/she will have no Ministry; this term was carefully avoided for current Commissioners). We suggest EU External Representative.*

*I.27.3 : This is unacceptable as it stands. We must clarify the exact status of the "Foreign Minister" in the Commission. We assume that development and trade matters will be handled, as now, by Commissioners with specific responsibilities in those areas and therefore subject to Commission procedures. The "Foreign Minister" should however, NOT be bound by those procedures as this would compromise his need both to present the Commission view and to speak for the Council on an external issue.*