

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 20

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#### **Article 20:**

The Court of Justice shall consist of one judge from each Member State, and shall be assisted by Advocates-General. The High Court shall include at least one judge per Member State: the number shall be fixed by the Statute of the Court of Justice. The judges of the Court of Justice and the High Court, and the Advocates-General of the Court of Justice, chosen from persons whose independence is beyond doubt and who satisfy the conditions set out at Article [XX] of Part II, shall be appointed by common accord of the governments of the Member States for a ~~term of six years<sup>1</sup>, renewable.~~ **non-renewable term of 9 years.**

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

*In order to shield them better from political pressure.*

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<sup>1</sup> For the Court of Justice the Discussion Circle, chaired by Mr Vitorino, also examined the possibility of a non-renewable mandate of 9 or 12 years.