

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of PART I – TITLE V, Article 29

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### Suggestion for PART I – TITLE V

#### Article 29

#### The Union's common foreign and security policy

1. The European Union shall undertake to conduct a common foreign and security policy, based on the progressive development of mutual political solidarity among Member States, the progressive identification of questions of general interest and the achievement of an ever increasing degree of convergence *and coherence* of Member States' actions.
2. The European Council shall ~~identify~~ *define* the Union's strategic interests and ~~determine the~~ objectives of its common foreign and security policy *as well as the Security and Defence Policy on the basis of the general principles and objectives referred to in Art. 1 Part II, Title B*. The Council of Ministers shall frame this policy in accordance with the arrangements in Part Two of the Constitution.
3. The European Council *shall adopt the guidelines* and the Council of Ministers ~~shall adopt~~ the necessary decisions.
4. The common foreign and security policy shall be put into effect by the Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs and by the Member States, using national and Union resources.

5. Member States shall consult one another within the Council and the European Council on any foreign and security policy issue which is of general interest in order to determine a common approach. Before undertaking any action on the international scene or any commitment which could affect the Union's interests, each Member State shall consult the others within the Council or the European Council. Member States shall ensure, through the convergence of their actions, that the Union is able to assert its interests and values on the international scene. Member States shall show mutual solidarity.
6. The European Parliament shall be consulted on the main aspects and basic choices of the common foreign and security policy, and shall be kept informed of how it develops *by the Council or the Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs. They shall ensure that the views of the European Parliament are duly taken into consideration.*
7. Decisions relating to the common foreign and security policy shall be adopted ~~by the European Council and the Council of Ministers unanimously,~~ *by qualified majority* except in the cases referred to in Part Two of the Constitution. ~~They~~ *The Council* shall act on a proposal from a Member State or from the Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs, alone or together with the Commission.
8. ~~The European Council may unanimously decide that the Council should act by a qualified majority in cases other than those referred to in Part Two of the Constitution.~~

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**Explanation (if any) :**

Convergence and coherence is more ambitious.

Para 2: Cf. Art. 4 EUT, a reference should be made to the general principles and objectives.

The European Council should define general objectives. Their specification should be the task of the Council.

Para 6: Cf. Art. 21 EUT

Qualified Majority should be the general rule, exceptions possible due to the special nature of CFSP.