

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Title V

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 29

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**Status :        Members and alternate members.**

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#### *Article 29*

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

1. *The Union shall conduct a common foreign and security policy based on the development of mutual solidarity, the identification of questions of common interest and a close degree of convergence of the actions of Member States.*
2. The European Council shall identify the Union's strategic interests and determine the objectives of its common foreign and security policy. The Council of Ministers shall frame this policy in accordance with the arrangements in Part Two of the Constitution.
3. The European Council and the Council of Ministers shall adopt the necessary decisions.
4. *Without prejudice to the constitutional prerogatives of the Commission,* the common foreign and security policy shall be put into effect by the [*Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union*] and by the Member States, using national and Union resources.
5. Member States shall consult one another within the European Council and Council *of Ministers* 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, ***Member States shall consult each other*** 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.

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 ***regularly*** informed of how it develops.

7. Decisions relating to the common foreign and security policy shall be adopted by the European Council and the Council of Ministers ***by qualified majority***, except in the cases referred to in Part Two of the Constitution. They 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:**

*1. The language as drafted is very loose, and suggests an almost lackadaisical attitude to the development of CFSP.*

*4. The merger of the pillars means it will be vital to protect explicitly the prerogatives of the Commission under Articles 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16.*

*5. We have again sought to tighten the wording without changing the meaning.*

*7. Presentationally, it is better to make QMV the norm and unanimity, as explicated in Part Two, the exception.*