

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : I-39

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Article I-39: Specific provisions for implementing common foreign and security policy

7. Decisions relating to the common foreign and security policy shall be adopted by the

European Council and the Council of Ministers by the normal rules for qualified majority, except for constructive abstention, vital and stated reasons of national policy for opposing a decision and decisions on sending troops which will be based on "coalitions of the willing".
~~unanimously, except in the cases referred to in Part Three of the Constitution.~~ Discussion shall be based on a proposal from a Member State, from the Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs or from the Minister with the Commission's support. Laws and framework laws are excluded.

Explanation:

As proposed by the Working Group qualified majority voting should be the norm in CFSP. As the Praesidium states in its comment to the articles a number of members of the Convention also want qualified majority voting to be the general rule (CONV 724/03, page 98). The three exceptions stated above could be explained in more detail in part three.