

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of: PART I OF THE CONSTITUTION, TITLE IV: The Union's Institutions, new Article 14a**

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### **Suggestion**

**TITLE IV: ~~The Union's Institutions~~ The Union's institutions, Organisations and Bodies**

***New Article 14 a: European Council***

***1. The European Council shall provide the Union with the necessary impetus for its development, and shall define the general political guidelines thereof. The European Council shall consist of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, together with the President of the Commission. The Foreign Minister shall take part in its work.***

***2. The European Council shall meet at least twice a year, convened by its Chair. When the agenda so requires, its members may decide to be assisted by a minister, and, in the case of the President of the Commission, a Commissioner. When the situation so requires, the Chair shall convene an additional meeting of the European Council. The Chair of the European Council shall be held in turn by each Member State for a term of X months. The Council may decide unanimously on a longer term. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, the European Council shall act by consensus.***

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

The European Council and its role should be stressed in a separate Part of Article 14, not as part of the institutions. The Article 16 should be deleted then.

The “political directions and priorities” could be misunderstood as going too far already into legislative matters which should be exclusively dedicated to the Council. It would therefore make sense to use the old wording of Art. 4 of the Union Treaty.

The term ‘Chairman of the European Council’ seems to be more appropriate than ‘president’ in view of the manifold resistance against the idea of a “European President”.