

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 14 a

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Article 14 a: The European Council

- 1. The European Council shall provide the Union with the necessary impetus for its development, and shall define its general political directions and priorities.**
 - 2. The European Council shall consist of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States and the President of the Commission. They shall be assisted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs or – when the agenda so requires – any other minister and, in the case of the President of the Commission, a Commissioner. The Foreign Minister of the Union shall take part in its work.**
 - 3. The European Council shall meet quarterly as a rule, convened by and under the chairmanship of the Head of State or Government of the Member State which holds the Presidency of the Council in its General Affairs configuration. When the situation so requires, additional meetings of the European Council may be convened.**
 - 4. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, decisions of the European Council shall be taken by unanimity. When the European Council takes decisions by a qualified majority, the votes of the members shall be weighted as set out in Article Y of Part Two.¹ The President of the Commission does not vote within the European Council.**
 - 5. The European Council shall submit to the European Parliament a report after each of its meetings and a yearly written report on the progress achieved by the Union.**
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¹ Figures for EU-25 according to the Treaty of Nice and the Treaty of accession.