

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 16

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Article 16

15. The European Council

Change para. 2 as follows :

2. The European Council shall consist of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, ~~together with its President~~ and the President of the Commission. The Foreign Minister shall take part in its work.

Add new para. 3

3. Meetings of the European Council shall be chaired by the Head of State or Government of the Member State which holds the Presidency of the Council.

Change paras 3 and 4 as follows :

~~3.~~

4. The European Council shall meet quarterly *as a rule*, convened ~~by its President~~ *by and under the chairmanship of the Head of State or Government of the Member State which holds the Presidency.* When the Agenda so requires, its members ~~may decide to~~ *shall, as a rule,* be assisted by a minister, and in the case of the President of the Commission, a Commissioner. When the situation so requires, the ~~President~~ *Presidency* shall convene an additional meeting of the European Council.

~~4.~~

5. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, decisions of the European Council shall be taken ~~by consensus~~ *unanimously*.

Add new para.6

6. 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.

Add new para. 7

7. The presidency of the European Council shall chair it and drive forward its work, ensuring proper preparation and continuity. It shall endeavour to facilitate cohesion and consensus within the European Council.

Explanation (if any) :