

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 16, Title IV, Part I

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Member

1. OK.
 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 Minister and the Foreign Ministers of the Member States shall take part in its work.
 3. The European Council shall meet quarterly, convened by its President. 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. The President shall also invite the Economic and Finance Ministers to participate in European Council meetings when the European Council is discussing matters relating to economic and monetary union. When the situation so requires, the President shall convene an additional meeting of the European Council.
 4. OK.
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Explanation (if any) :

An article equivalent to the current Article 207 TEC establishing COREPER and the Council Secretariat will be required in Part II of the Treaty. This should also specify that the Council Secretariat will provide support to the European Council and its President.

Article 16.2 Foreign Ministers, as now, should continue to have a seat at the European Council. It is particularly important that they be allowed to replace their Head of State or Government should he/she be absent from the Council chamber.

Article 16.3 This amendment reflects the existing situation under the Declaration on Part Three, Title VII (ex Title VI) of the TEC (the « Maastricht declaration »).