

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 16 (Title IV)

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : X - Member - Alternate

Article 16 : 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, together with *[Delete: its President and]* the President of the Commission. *[The Foreign Minister shall take part in its work.]*
 3. The European Council shall meet quarterly, convened by its *[President]* **Chairman**. 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]* **or in the case of the President of the Commission, a Commissioner may take his place**. When the situation so requires, the *[President]* **Chairman** shall convene an additional meeting of the European Council.
 4. Except where the *[Constitution]* **Treaty** provides otherwise, decisions of the European Council shall be taken by *[consensus]* **unanimity**.
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Explanation (if any) : The Council of Ministers should not have a permanent President, nor an EU Foreign Minister. Both detract from the democratic accountability of Ministers before national parliaments.