

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 16: The European Council Part I Title IV

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Status : - Alternate

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#### Article 16 : The European Council and the Council of Ministers

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 ~~its President and~~ the President of the Commission. ~~The Foreign Minister shall take part in its work.~~ **The European Council shall be convened and meet under the chairmanship of one the Heads of Government of the Member States. The presidency shall change in every six months in equal rotation.**
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. When the situation so requires, the President shall convene an additional meeting of the European Council.
4. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, decisions of the European Council shall be taken by consensus.
5. **The Council of Ministers shall, jointly with the European Parliament, enact legislation, and shall carry out policy-making and co-ordinating functions, as laid down in the Constitution.**
6. **The Council of Ministers shall consist of a representative of each Member State at ministerial level for each of its formations. Only this representative may commit the Member State in question, and cast its vote.**

- 7. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, decisions of the Council of Ministers shall be taken by qualified majority.**
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**Explanation (if any):**

2. Each Member State should have only one representative in the European Council. The representatives must be the Heads of Government who are responsible to their National Parliaments.

5-7. The provisions of Article 17 have been transferred hereto (Article 17 is deleted).