

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 16

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Article 16 : The European Council

1. The European Council shall provide the Union with the necessary **political** 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~~ **Chair**¹ 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~~ **Chair**. 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~~ **Chair** shall convene an additional meeting of the European Council.
4. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, ~~decisions of~~² the European Council shall **act** ~~be taken~~ by consensus.

¹ Corresponds to the Title of Article 16a.

² Formal decisions can only be made by unanimity or majority vote.