

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 16

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<i>Text of the Praesidium</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
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 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. 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.	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 its Chairman and the President of the Commission. The Foreign Minister shall take part in its work. 3. The European Council shall assign to Member States presidencies of Council formations for a period of at least a year, taking into account European political and geographical balance and the diversity of all Member States. 3.4. The European Council shall meet quarterly, convened by its Chairman 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, its Chairman President 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.
Explanation: I propose that the European Council decide on allocating to Member States longer presidencies of Council formations.	