

## 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 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~~ **Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs** 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. **Meetings of the European Council shall be chaired by the Head of State or Government of the Member State which holds the Presidency of the Council.**
  5. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, decisions of the European Council shall be taken by ~~consensus~~ **unanimity**.
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#### Explanation

The European Council should not be included among the Union institutions and thus it should be renumbered as Article 15.

Arrangements for the Chair of the European Council should be included in this Article.