

AMENDMENT FORM

Title IV

Suggestion for amendment of Article 16

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Change the title of the Article:

Article 16.1 : The Council of the European Union

Add to the end of the paragraph 1:

The European Council is exclusively competent in the field of the Union' strategic decisions.

Para. 4 should modified as follows:

4. Whenever the Constitution does not prescribe otherwise, the European Council takes decisions by qualified majority

Explanation:

- 1. The title of this article should become **The Council of the European Union** and should include the provisions of the actual articles 16 (become **16.1**), 16a (become **16.1 bis**), 17 (become **16.2**) and 17 a (become **16.2 bis**). Clarification of the Constitution's structure and correlation with the above amendments of the Art. 14.2*
- 2. It is necessary to make it very clear the separation of functional competences and roles between the Council and the Commission. In this respect the Council should have a decisive exclusive role in the strategic matters while the Commission should have a similar function as far as the implementation of the strategic decisions is concerned.*

3. *The Convention decided the main decision making principle should be the QMV. This principle should be, consequently, always mention as the basic rule. Of course, one could establish exceptions whenever necessary.*