

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 16

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Alternate

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~~ **including** its ~~President~~ **Chair**, and **assisted by** the President of the Commission. ~~The Foreign Minister shall take part in its work.~~¹
3. The European Council shall meet ~~quarterly~~ **at least twice a year**, 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.
- 3a The Chair of the European Council shall be held in turn by each member state for a term of x months.**²
4. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, decisions of the European Council shall be taken by consensus.

¹ No Foreign Minister shall be appointed.

² It is preferable that the current rotating system is kept, probably with a longer term.