

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 16a

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Status : - Member: Hjelm-Wallén and Lekberg
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Article 16a : The European Council Chair

1. The European Council shall elect its ~~President~~ **Chair**¹, by qualified majority, for a term of two and a half years, renewable once. The person elected must be, or have been for at least two years, a member of the European Council. In cases of serious malpractice, the European Council can end his/**her**² mandate according to the same procedure.

On issues concerning its common foreign and security policy he/**she** shall ensure that the Union at his/**her** level is effectively represented in the wider world.

2. The ~~President~~ **Chair** of the European Council shall ~~chair it and~~ **provide necessary impetus for drive forward** its work, ensuring proper preparation and continuity. He/**she** shall endeavour to facilitate cohesion and consensus within the European Council. He/**she** shall present a report to the European Parliament after each of its meetings.
3. The **Chair of the** European Council ~~may~~ **shall cooperate with the team Presidency of the Council of Ministers** ~~decide by consensus to create a board consisting of three of its members chosen according to a system of equitable rotation.~~³
4. The ~~President~~ **Chair** of the European Council may not be a member of another European institution or hold a national mandate.

¹ Corresponds to the Title of the present Article.

² The Constitution must be gender neutral.

³ We support a team Presidency chairing the Council of Ministers. The team Presidency should informally co-ordinate their work at the Council level.