

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :17

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Article 17 : The Council of Ministers

Change para 2 as follows :

2. The Council of Ministers shall consist of a representative of each Member State at ministerial level for each of its formations. ~~Only this representative may authorised to commit the Member State in question. and cast its vote.~~

Add new para. 3

3. The office of President shall be held in turn by each Member State in the Council for a term of six months in the order decided by the Council acting unanimously. The European Council acting unanimously may agree other arrangements for chairing some of the Council's formations other than the European Council, the General Affairs Council and the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

Renumber para.3 to become para. 4

Add new para.5

5. With a view to ensuring the consistency and continuity of Union policies and actions, the Council shall recommend to the European Council for adoption a multiannual strategic programme for the three years to come, drawn up in close cooperation with the Commission. In the light of that programme, and following appropriate consultations, the Presidencies to hold office in the following year shall jointly submit a draft annual operational programme of Council activities during that year.

Add new para. 6

6. The Council and the European Council shall be assisted by a Secretariat under the responsibility of a Secretary-General. The Secretary-General shall be appointed by the Council.

Add new para. 7

7. A committee consisting of the Permanent Representatives of the Member States shall be responsible for preparing the work of the Council and for carrying out tasks assigned to it by the Council.

Explanation (if any) :