

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of: PART I OF THE CONSTITUTION, TITLE IV: The Union's Institutions, Article 17 : The Council of Ministers

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Suggestion

TITLE IV: The Union's Institutions

Article 17 : The Council of Ministers

1. The Council of Ministers shall *form the House of States whenever it enacts legislation* jointly with the European Parliament, ~~enact legislation~~, and shall carry out policy-making and co-ordinating functions, as laid down in the Constitution *without prejudice to the competences of the Commission and in cooperation with her*.
 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 commit the Member State in question, and cast its vote.
 3. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, decisions of the Council shall be taken by qualified majority.
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Explanation (if any) :

According to the amendment to Article 15, the Constitution should clarify the role of the Council as House of States.

Additionally, the Council has to respect its role as laid down in the Constitution, especially respecting the executive role of the Commission.