

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : Title IV

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#### 17. The Council

1. The Council shall consist of the ministerial representative of each Member State, authorized to commit the government of that State.
2. The Council shall act to ensure the fulfilment of Union objectives and policies. Alongside the European Parliament, it shall enact legislative acts. When acting in its legislative capacity, the Council is to decide in the open. As to its executive functions, the Council may confer their execution upon the European Commission if otherwise unspecified by this Constitutional Treaty.
3. The Council in the composition of Coordination Council (*formerly General Affairs Council*), guided by its Presidency and consulting the European Commission, will decide upon the number of Council formations, acting by simple majority.
4. Permanent formations of the Council are External Action Council, alternatively and autonomously meeting as Security and Defence Council. External Action Council is to be presided by European External Representative, acting simultaneously as one of Vice-Presidents of the Commission.
5. Presidency of the Council will be organized in team arrangements and combined along two lines. The first line will be coordination line, institutionally represented by COREPER, Coordination Council and the European Council. The second line will consist of sectoral Councils.
6. The team Presidency of the Council will encompass three Member States, reflecting the categories of large, medium-sized and small countries being defined in a Council act adopted by unanimity.
7. The coordination line presidency will be held by one of the three /4? 5?/ Member States, comprising team set-up, for the period of six month, assisted by the other two and alternating in turn. Presidency in sectoral Councils will be divided among the three-member presidency team by its mutual accord up to eighteen /24/ months, number of specific sectoral formations falling to one country depending on the overall number of sectoral formations of the Council. Aggregate presidency period of a team will last eighteen /24/ months.
8. To raise efficiency and to streamline internal coordination, the team of Member States comprising the Presidency of the Council, if they so wish, may select their leader exercising this function for the period of team Presidency.
9. The Council shall be assisted by a General Secretariat. Its work including the establishment and assignments of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Member States will be set in the Rules of procedure of the Council.
11. *Art 208 of the current TEC is to be repeated here.*
12. *Art 209 of the current TEC is to be repeated here.*
13. *Art 210 of the current TEC is to be repeated here.*

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**Explanation (if any) :**