

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Title IV

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article 17

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Option1: **Delete**

Option 2:

Para1 should modified as follows:

The Council of Ministers shall **[Delete]** carry out policy-making and coordinating functions, as laid down in the Constitution.

Option 3:

Add to the end of para.1:

**Between the sessions of the European Council, the Council of Ministers may take all the decisions to which the European Council is entitled, under the condition of the latter's ratification.**

Option 4:

Add a new paragraph:

**4. The Council of Ministers will be chaired without voting right by the President of the European Council.**

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#### **Explanation:**

1. *(option 1) The role of the Council of Ministers is very unclear. Either the Constitution is able to determine the tasks of this Council or the whole text should be deleted. These provisions make the whole institutional system unnecessarily too complicated and bring back the confusion between the executive and legislative functions of the Council.*
2. *(option 2) This Council should have only a political and coordination role. The legislative role at the level of the Council should stay exclusively with the*

*Legislative Council. There is no need to have two institutions (both Councils) to deal with the legislative issues.*

3. *(option 3) In order to make the Council of Minister more relevant and to give it a role which, at least, will make the decision process faster.*
4. *(option 4) In order to facilitate the coherence between the European Council and the Council of Ministers activities.*