

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 17a

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Status: Alternate

Article 17 a : The Presidency of the Council of the European Union

- 1. The presidency of the European Council and the Council of Ministers `s formations other than that of Foreign Affairs shall be shared by five Member States for one year. Save as otherwise decided by the European Council the Member States are called for presidency in the alphabetical order.**
 - 2. The Member States called for presidency agree among themselves on who will hold the presidency of the European Council and of the Council of Ministers' formations and on the other modalities of their shared presidency. If an agreement cannot be achieved, the European Council decides by qualified majority.**
 - 3. The presidency of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council can be attributed only to a Member State who is a member of the Euro-zone.**
 - 4. The European Council may determine a period longer than one year for the duration of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.**
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Explanation (if any):