

AMENDMENT FORM

Title IV

Suggestion for amendment of Article 17a

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Add to the end of para.1:

The President of the European Commission will act as the President of the General Affairs Council.

Para. 2 must become a separate Article 15 bis under the title “The Legislative Council”

One should add the following paragraphs to the new article 15 bis:

2. The representatives of each member state within the Legislative Council will be appointed for the duration of the full mandate of that Council which will be equal with the mandate of the European Parliament.

3. The President of the Legislative Council will be elected among its members by its peers, by simple majority voting, for a five years full time mandate.

4. The working procedures of the Legislative Council will follow the same rules as the working procedures of the European Parliament. In the Legislative Council each state will have one vote.

Add to the end of para. 4:

and the Social and Economic Security Council

Add a new paragraph after the paragraph 4, as follows:

The European Council for Social and Economic Security shall have the following competences:

- It shall watch the evolution of the economic and social matters, processes and phenomena in the EU.
- It shall make recommendations concerning the prevention or the management of the crisis in the social and economic field.
- It shall watch the evolution of the social cohesion in the EU and it shall propose the necessary measures in order to increase the level of the social

inclusion.

- It shall pursue the co-ordination of the European and national policies in the economic and social area.

The Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs shall chair the European Council for Social and Economic Security without right of voting.

Explanation:

1. *This will assure a better coherence between the Council and the Commission and, at the same time, will preserve the equilibrium between those two after the important consolidation of the Council resulting from the establishment of a European Council President. This is a way to balance the strength of the two Presidents.*
2. *In this way the equilibrium between the Legislative Council and the European Parliament within the legislative procedure will be assured. Likewise, in this way the Legislative Council will be provided with the necessary stability and continuity required by an efficient legislative activity.*