

AMENDMENT FORM

Title IV

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 17a

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Status : Members and alternate members.

Article 17a : Council formations

1. The General Affairs Council shall ensure consistency in the work of the Council of Ministers. With the participation of the Commission, it shall prepare **and follow-up** meetings of the European Council, **including the necessary coordination of all preparatory work, overall coordination of policies, institutional and administrative questions and horizontal dossiers which affect several of the Union's policies. The President of the Commission shall chair this formation of the Council.**

2. The Legislative Council shall consider and, jointly with the European Parliament, enact European laws and European framework laws, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. ~~Each Member State's ministerial representative may be assisted by one or, if necessary, two specialist ministers, reflecting the business on the Council agenda.~~
A rotating presidency, taking into account European political and geographical balance shall chair this formation of the Council.

3. The Foreign Affairs Council shall, on the basis of strategic guidelines laid down by the European Council, **observing the positions of the European Parliament** flesh out the Union's external policies, and ensure that its actions are consistent. It shall be chaired by the Union's Foreign Minister.

4. The Council shall also meet in the configuration of an Economic and Financial Affairs

Council, and a Council on Justice and Security. A rotating presidency, taking into account European political and geographical balance shall chair this formation of the Council.

5. ~~The Council, in its General Affairs formation, may decide on further formations~~ shall decide on other Council formations. The decision requires the assent of the European Parliament.

6. ~~The European Council may decide by consensus that the Presidency of a Council formation, other than that of Foreign Affairs, should be undertaken by a Member State for a period of at least a year, taking into account European political and geographical balance and the diversity of all Member States.~~

Explanation: