

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of : Article 17b

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Status : Alternate

Article 17b : Qualified majority

1. When the European Council or the Council take decisions by qualified majority, such a majority shall consist of the majority of Member States, representing at least three fifths of the population of the Union.
 2. Within the European Council, its ***Chairman***, the President of the Commission, ***the European Foreign Minister & the Secretary-General of the Union shall not vote.***
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Explanation :

For the sake of consistency and clarity, the title of the head of the European Council should be 'Chairman'.

The voting procedure and entitlements within the European Council are designed to ensure equitable treatment of the Member States. This requirement must preclude the Chairman, the President of the Commission, the European Foreign Minister and the Secretary-General of the Union from voting.