

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 18

Suggestion for Part I

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Article 18 17: The European Commission

1. The European Commission shall safeguard the general European interest. It shall ensure the application of the Constitution, and steps taken by the institutions under the Constitution. It shall also exercise coordinating, executive and management functions as laid down in the Constitution.
 2. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, Union acts can be adopted only on the basis of a Commission proposal.
 3. The Commission shall consist of a President ~~and up to fourteen other members~~, **Vice-Presidents and Members of the Commission. The Commission shall consist of one national of each Member State. It may call on the help of Associate Commissioners.**
 4. **The term of office of the Commission shall be five years, renewable.**
 - 4.5 In carrying out its responsibilities, the Commission shall be completely independent. In the discharge of their duties members of the Commission shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government or other body.
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Explanation (if any) :