

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :18

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Article 18 : The European Commission

Delete paras 3 and 4 and replace with the following paras :

- 3. The Commission shall act as a collegiate body and all of its members shall be equal.*
- 4. 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.*
- 5. The commission must include one national of each of the Member States. When the Commission consists of 27 members, its functioning shall be subject to an evaluation by the European Council. If the European Council decides that the number of members of the Commission shall be less than the number of Member States, the Commissioners shall be selected according to a system of rotation based on the principle of equality of Member States.*
- 6. The Council, deciding by qualified majority and by common accord with the President of the Commission, shall adopt the list of persons whom it intends to appoint as Members of the Commission, drawn up in accordance with the proposal made by each Member State. The Commission as a body shall be subject to a vote of approval by the European Parliament.*
- 7. The Commission ,as a body, shall be responsible to the European Parliament, which may adopt a censure motion on the Commission. If the censure motion is carried by a two thirds majority of the votes cast, representing a moajority of the Members of the European Parliament, the members of the Commission shall resign as a body.*
- 8. The individual members of the Commission shall be responsible to the European Parliament, which may adopt a censure motion on any member of the Commission. If the censure motion is carried by a two thirds majority of the votes cast, representing a majority of the Members of the European Parliament, the member must resign.*

Explanation (if any) :