

## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :

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By Ms / Mr :

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## **PART I OF THE CONSTITUTION**

### **TITLE IV: The Union's Institutions**

#### **Article 18 : The European Commission**

1. The European Commission shall safeguard the general European interest. It shall ensure the application of the **TREATY [DELETE: Constitution]**, and steps taken by the institutions under the **TREATYConstitution**. It shall also exercise coordinating, executive and management functions as laid down in the **TREATY [DELETE: Constitution]**.
2. Except where the **TREATY [DELETE: Constitution]** provides otherwise, Union acts can be adopted only on the basis of a **AN INVITATION FROM THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS ASKING THE Commission TO PREPARE A proposal. NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS SHALL DECIDE ON THE ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME AND THE COMMISSION SHALL CORRESPONDINGLY ACT AS A SECRETARIAT FOR THE COUNCIL AND THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS.**
3. The Commission shall consist of **[DELETE: a President and] ONE MEMBER FROM EACH MEMBER STATE APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS [DELETE: up to fourteen other members. It may call on the help of Associate Commissioners.] THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NORMALYLYATTEND THE EUROPEAN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT CONCERNED. NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO DISMISS THEIR COMMISSIONER.**
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 [**DELETE:** or other body]. **A COMMISSIONER MAY TAKE INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS NATIONAL PARLIAMENT ON HOW TO VOTE ON A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL AND IS INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE TO HIS NATIONAL PARLIAMENT AND MAY BE DISMISSED BY HIS NATIONAL PARLIAMENT WHICH WOULD THEN ELECT A NEW COMMISSIONER.**

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**Explanation (if any) :**