

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 18

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<i>Text of the Praesidium</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
<b>Article 18 : The European Commission</b>  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. It may call on the help of Associate Commissioners.  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.	<b>Article 18 : The European Commission</b>  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 co-ordinating, 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.  <b>3. The Commission shall comprise one national of each Member State.</b>  <b>4. The Commission shall remain in office for five years.</b>  <b>4.5.</b> 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.
<b>Explanation:</b> It is of great importance for Member States, especially the new ones, to have a national in the Commission's body. The President of the Commission should have more freedom at restructuring its work in order to ensure high functionality.	