

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article: 18, Part I

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### Article 18 : 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. **It shall operate as a College and all of its Members shall be equal.**
2. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, Union acts can be adopted only on the basis of a Commission proposal.
3. **The Commission shall comprise its President, the Foreign Minister and other Members. Until there are 27 Member States of the Union, the Commission shall include one national of each of the Member States.**
  - (a) **When there are 27 Member States, the number of Commissioners shall be less than the number of Member States. Members of the Commission shall be chosen according to a rotation system based on the principle of equality, the implementing arrangements for which shall be decided by the Council acting unanimously and in accordance with the arrangements of Article Z of Part Two.**
4. **The number of Members of the Commissioners may be adjusted by the European Council, acting unanimously, in keeping with the provisions of paragraph 4, to provide for any future enlargement of the Union.**
- ~~3. The Commission shall consist of a President and up to fourteen other members. It may call on the help of Associate Commissioners.~~
5. **The Council, acting by a qualified majority and by common accord with the President of the Commission, shall adopt the list of the other persons whom it intends to appoint as Members of the Commission, drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State**
6. **The President and the other Members of the Commission thus nominated shall be subject as a body to a vote of approval by the European Parliament. After approval by the European Parliament, the Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Council, acting by a qualified majority, for a period five years.**
7. **Members of the Commission shall be chosen on the grounds of their general competence and their independence shall be beyond doubt**

8. 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 bodies.

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**Explanation (if any) :**

The composition of the Commission based on the grounds of the principle of one commissioner from each Member State symbolizes the equality of the nation states.