

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 18

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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.
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~~twenty-four other members on the basis of not more than one Commissioner per Member State nominated for a term of five years.~~It may call on the help of Associate Commissioners.~~

When the number of Commissioners is less than the number of Member States, the members of the Commission shall be chosen according to a rotation system based on the principle of equality.

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.
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Explanation (if any) :

A Commission comprising a maximum of twenty-five members on an equal footing can operate without the need to create an associate Commissioner level. Any rotation system devised when the number of Commissioners is less than the number of Member States should be based on the principle of equality.