

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 18

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Status : - Alternate

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. The Commission shall publish annually, not later than a month before the opening of the session of the European Parliament, a general report on the activities of the Community as well as an annual working plan of the Commission.

3. Except where the Constitution provides otherwise, Union acts can be adopted only on the basis of a Commission proposal.

4. The Commission shall consist of a President and up to fourteen other members. It may call on the help of Associate Commissioners.

5. 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.

6. The Commission, as a body, shall be responsible to the European Parliament. Under the procedures set out at Art. X of the Constitution, it may pass a censure motion on the Commission. If such a motion is passed, the members of the Commission must all resign. They shall continue to handle everyday business until their successors are nominated.

Explanation (if any) :

Paragraph 2 is inspired of Article 212 in the Nice Treaty.

Paragraph 6 is taken from Art. 18a paragraph 3. This paragraph should not be placed under the Article on the President of the Commission