

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 18a

Suggestion for protocol :

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Article 18a : The President of the European Commission

1. ~~Taking into account the elections to the European Parliament, the European Council, deciding by qualified majority, shall put forward to the European Parliament its proposed candidate for the Presidency of the Commission. This candidate shall be elected by the European Parliament by a majority of its members. If this candidate does not receive the required majority support, the European Council shall within one month put forward a new candidate, following the same procedure as before.~~ **The Members of the Commission shall be appointed, in accordance with the procedure referred to in paragraph 2, for a period of five years. Their term of office shall be renewable.**
2. ~~Each Member State shall submit a list of three persons, of which at least one must be a woman, whom it considers qualified to be a European Commissioner. The President elect, taking account of European political and geographical balance, shall, from among the names submitted, select as members of the Commission up to thirteen persons chosen for their competence, European commitment, and guaranteed independence. The President and the persons so nominated for membership of the Commission shall be submitted as a body to a vote of approval by the European Parliament.~~ **The Council, meeting in the composition of Heads of State or Government and acting by a qualified majority, shall nominate the person it intends to appoint as President of the Commission; the nomination shall be approved by the European Parliament. The Council, acting by a qualified majority and by common accord with the nominee for President, 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. 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**

President and the other Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Council, acting by a qualified majority. ¹

3. The Commission, as a body, shall be responsible to **the European Council and** the European Parliament. Under the procedures set out at Art. X of the Constitution, ~~it~~ **either or both of these** 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.
4. The Commission shall work to guidelines laid down by its President. He/**she** shall decide its internal organisation, ensuring that it acts consistently, efficiently and on a collegiate basis. He/**she** shall appoint vice-presidents from among the members of the Commission. **One of the vice-presidents shall be responsible for the Union's common foreign and security policy.** ²
- ~~5. The President may appoint Associate Commissioners, chosen according to the same criteria as apply for members of the Commission. Their number must not exceed the number of members of the Commission.~~

¹ According to the Nice Treaty.

² Only one hat for the common foreign and security policy is needed and has to be in the Commission.