

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 18a, 2.

Title IV of Part I of the Constitutional Treaty

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Status : - Member X Alternate

Article 18a: The President of the European Commission

2. Each Member State shall submit a list of **two** persons, **one male, one female**, 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 one person from each member state chosen for their competence, European commitment, and guaranteed independence. **The President-elect shall, when selecting members, ensure a gender-balanced Commission, where one sex is not represented with less than 40%.**

Explanation (if any) :

The Union pleads equality in all its policies. The Commission is the heart of policy-formulation, often requiring in its own programmes a female representation of at least 40%. The Commission just as all other institutions ought to reflect society as it is - composed of both women and men.

It is time to live up to the promises. If gender equality demands are not written down and required explicitly they will not become reality!