

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 18a

Suggestion for Part I

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Article ~~18a~~ 17a: The President of the European Commission

1. Taking into account the elections to the European Parliament, **geographical balance and diversity of all Member States**, the European Council, deciding by qualified majority, shall put forward to **the parliaments of the Members States** ~~the European Parliament~~ its proposed candidates for the Presidency of the Commission.
2. **The parliaments of the Member States within two months shall hear the candidates and hold debates on their programs and on the same day throughout the Union shall rate the candidates and submit the results to the European Council.**
3. **Taking into account the results of the rating by the parliaments of the Member States,** ~~This candidate shall be elected by the European Council~~ **shall submit the two highest rated candidates to the European Parliament which shall elect among the candidates the President of the Commission by a majority of its members a qualified majority of 2/3 of the votes cast.** If this candidate does not receive the required **qualified** majority support, the European Council shall within one month put forward ~~a new~~ **the other** candidates **ranked by the parliaments of the Member States. The European Parliament shall following** the same procedure as before.
2. Each Member State shall submit a list of three persons, of which at least one must be a ~~woman~~ **of opposite gender**, whom it considers qualified to be a ~~European Commissioner~~ **Member of the European Commission**. The President-elect, taking account of European political and geographical balance, shall, from among the names submitted, select **the Vice-Presidents and** 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.

3. 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.
4. The Commission shall work to guidelines laid down by its President. **He The President** shall decide ~~it's~~ the internal organisational structure of the Commission based on the principle of equality of all the members of the Commission, including the Vice-Presidents, ensuring that it acts consistently, efficiently and on a collegiate basis. ~~He shall appoint vice-presidents from among the members of the Commission.~~
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.~~

Explanation (if any) :