

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 18a

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<i>Text of the Praesidium</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
<b>Article 18a : The President of the European Commission</b>	<b>Article 18a : The President of the European Commission</b>
<p>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.</p>	<p>1. <del>Taking into account the elections to the European Parliament,</del> The European Council, deciding by qualified majority, shall put forward to the European Parliament <b>two</b> <del>its proposed</del> candidates for the Presidency of the Commission. <del>This candidate</del> <b>The President of the European Commission</b> 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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>2. Each Member State shall submit <b>a candidate</b> <del>a list of three persons, of which at least one must be a woman,</del> whom it considers qualified to be a European Commissioner. <del>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.</del> <b>The European Council, acting by a qualified majority and by common accord with the President-elect shall adopt the list of the persons whom it intends to appoint as Members of the Commission, drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State.</b> The President and the</p>
<p>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</p>	

<p>motion is passed, the members of the Commission must all resign. They shall continue to handle everyday business until their successors are nominated.</p> <p>4. The Commission shall work to guidelines laid down by its President. He shall decide its internal organisation, ensuring that it acts consistently, efficiently and on a collegiate basis. He shall appoint vice-presidents from among the members of the Commission.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>persons so nominated for membership of the Commission shall be submitted as a body to a vote of approval by the European Parliament.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4. The Commission shall work to guidelines laid down by its President. He shall decide its internal organisation, ensuring that it acts consistently, efficiently and on a collegiate basis. He shall appoint vice-presidents from among the members of the Commission. <b>A Commissioner shall resign on a request of the President.</b></p> <p><del>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.</del></p>
<p><b>Explanation:</b>  Paragraph 1: The European Parliament should enjoy the possibility of a real election of the President of the Commission and not only confirm the choice done by the European Council.  Paragraph 2: The nomination of other Commissioners should occur in co-operation between the President-elect and Member States.</p>	