

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Art. 18 a**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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**Status : - Members and Alternates**

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### **Article 18a : The President of the European Commission and the Commissioners**

~~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.~~

**Taking into account the elections to the European Parliament, the European Council, deciding by qualified majority, shall put forward to the European Parliament a proposal for a list of up to three candidates for the Presidency of the Commission. This candidate shall be elected by the European Parliament by a majority of three fifths of the votes cast. If none of the candidates receives the required majority support, the European Council shall within one month put forward a new list of candidates, following the same procedure as before<sup>1</sup>.**

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<sup>1</sup> Another option which could be discussed is the following : The European Council, deciding by qualified majority, shall put forward a proposal for a list of up to three candidates for the Presidency of the Commission to an Electoral College. This Candidate shall be elected by the Electoral College, consisting of two representatives of the national parliaments of each of the Member States and an equal number of Members of the European Parliament. This candidate shall be elected by a majority of three fifths of the votes cast. The rules of procedure of the Electoral College shall be settled in Part I of the

~~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, deciding by qualified majority and by common accord with the elected President, shall adopt the list of 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.~~

**2. The Council, acting by 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 for a period of five years by the Council, acting by a qualified majority.**

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 shall decide its internal organisation, ensuring that it acts consistently, efficiently and on a collegiate basis. **The President** he shall appoint vice-presidents from among the members of the Commission,

**subject to the approval of the College.**

**5. A Member of the Commission shall resign if the President, after obtaining the approval of the College, so requests.**

~~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.~~

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**Explanation (if any) :**