

## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendement of Article : 18a

Suggestion for Part I

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### Article 18a : ~~The President~~ The nomination 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 candidates for the Presidency of the Commission. This candidate~~ **The President of the European Commission** is elected by the European Parliament by a majority of **three fifths** of its members. **Candidatures for the Presidency of the Commission shall be put forward by the political groups of the European Parliament or 1/10 of its members, following the European Parliament elections.** ~~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. His/her election is subsequently confirmed by the European council acting by qualified majority.~~
  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 nominated persons, **the Minister for Foreign Affairs included,** in order to be members 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, this institution 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 President of the Commission shall lay down guidelines within the framework of which the Commission shall work. He shall decide on its internal organisation in order to ensure that it acts consistently, efficiently and on a collegiate basis. He shall appoint vice-presidents from amongst members of the Commission.~~
  5. ~~The President may appoint deputy 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) :**