

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

### **Title IV**

#### **Suggestion for amendment of Article : 18a**

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**Status :       Members and alternate members.**

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Rewrite Article 18a as follows:

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

1. The European Parliament, acting by a majority of its members, will elect the President of the Commission. The President elected shall be approved by the European Council acting by qualified majority.

The Commission's term in office shall be linked to the legislative period of the European Parliament.

2. The President-elect, ensuring that the Commission will not be dominated by single or groups of Member States, and taking into account the cultural and geographical balance in Europe, shall select as members of the Commission up to thirteen persons chosen for their competence, European commitment, and guaranteed independence. The President, the persons so chosen for membership of the Commission and the Foreign Minister shall be submitted as a body to a vote of approval by the European Parliament.

3. The Commission, as a body, and each of its individual members, including the Foreign Minister in all his activities 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 or on one of its members. If such a motion is passed, the Commission as a whole or the member concerned must resign.

They shall continue to handle everyday business until their successor/s 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. 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.

6. Commissioners and Associate Commissioner shall be sworn in on the Constitution detailing their absolute independence from interests and orders beyond theirs office.

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**Explanation:**