

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 18a

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Article 18a : The President of the European Commission

1. Taking into account the result of 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. *If even this candidate does not receive the required majority support, the European Parliament shall elect by a majority of its members the President of the Commission from among candidates proposed by its political groups. If the European Parliament fails to elect the President of the Commission within one month after its refusal of the second candidate proposed by the European Council, the President of the Union shall dissolve it.*
2. Each Member State shall submit a list of ~~three~~ five persons *chosen for their competence, European commitment, and guaranteed independence*, of which at least one must be a woman, whom it considers qualified to be a European Commissioner. The President *of the Commission*, ~~elect~~ *within two weeks following his election by the European Parliament*, ~~taking account of European political and geographical balance shall, from among the names submitted, select as~~ *the Commissioners, one from each Member State.* ~~members of the Commission up to thirteen persons chosen for their competence, European commitment, and guaranteed independence. The President and~~ ~~t~~ 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 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, after consultation of the college of the Commissioners, may submit to the European Parliament a vote of non-confidence against any member of the Commission. When the non-confidence is voted by the majority of the members of the European Parliament, a new Member of the Commission is nominated accordingly to the procedure laid down in the article 18.6.*

~~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:

- there should be a clear link between the President of the Commission and the political majority within the newly elected European Parliament. The proposed mechanism (§1) of a possible third, purely parliamentary election of the President of the Commission should guarantee the real respect by the European Council of the result of the elections to the EP.