

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 18a

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<p>Article 18a: The President of the European Commission</p> <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>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>Article 18a: <u>Commission Chairman</u></p> <p>1. The European Council, deciding by qualified majority, shall put forward to the European Parliament its proposed candidate for the Commission Chairman. 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. <u>The Commission Chairman shall be a former civil servant from either an EU institution or a Member State.</u></p> <p>2. <u>Each Member State shall nominate one person whom it considers qualified to be a European Commissioner. The person shall be a current or former civil servant from that Member State.</u> The President-elect, taking account of European political and geographical balance, <u>shall allocate portfolios for each of the Commissioners.</u> The President and the persons so nominated for membership of the Commission shall be submitted <u>individually</u> 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.</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>3. The Commission, as a body, shall be responsible to the European Parliament <u>and Council</u>. Under the procedures set out at Art. X of the <u>simplifying Treaty, the European Parliament and Council acting jointly</u> may pass a censure motion on the Commission <u>as a whole or on individual Commissioners</u>. If such a motion is passed, the member(s) of the Commission <u>to which the motion applies</u> must 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 <u>Commission Chairman</u>. <u>They</u> shall decide its internal organisation, ensuring that it acts consistently, efficiently and on a collegiate basis. <u>They</u> shall appoint vice-presidents from among the members of the Commission.</p> <p><i>DELETE</i></p>
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