

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 2

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Status : Members and alternate members.

Article 2 : [Role of the European Council]

Delete

Explanation:

Article 15 of the preliminary draft treaty sets out the role and powers of the European Council. Such an article will certainly be prominent. It will not be necessary to repeat it here.

The European Council will be responsible for deciding the multi-annual policy strategy of the Union within and according to which the Commission will be responsible for the annual legislative programme.

The Council will retain executive powers in the field of police, security and judicial cooperation (see our proposed Article 14 bis set out in our amendment to Article 31, Part One). Otherwise the normal legislative procedure will apply. It would be injudicious to imply anything else here by an extraneous reference to the powers of the European Council.