

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : III -189

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#### *Article III-189 (ex-Article 2)*

1. On the basis of the principles and objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title, the European Council shall identify the strategic interests and objectives of the Union.

European Council ~~decisions~~ **general guidelines** on the strategic interests and objectives of the Union may relate to foreign policy and to other areas of the external action of the Union. Such ~~decisions~~ **general guidelines** may concern the relations of the Union with a specific country or region or may be thematic in approach. They shall define their duration, and the means to be made available by the Union and the Member States.

**Foreign and security policy objectives of a measure do not affect its adoption in the framework of other Union policies. By way of derogation, economic sanctions have to be adopted on the grounds of a common foreign and security measure.**

The European Council shall act unanimously on a recommendation from the Council. **which shall be adopted by a qualified majority on the basis of a joint proposal of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Commission.** ~~under the arrangements laid down for each area. The decisions of the European Council shall be implemented in accordance with the procedures provided for in the Constitution.~~

2. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, for the field of common foreign and security policy, and the Commission, for other fields of external action, may submit joint proposals to the Council **covering both common foreign and security policy and other aspects of external action. Such joint proposals shall be without prejudice to the sole competence of the Commission to submit proposals as defined in other provisions of Part III of the Constitution.**

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**Explanation (if any) :**

“decisions” of the European Council should be replaced by “general guidelines”. This is more consistent with the overall role of the European Council which is to provide the Union with the necessary impetus for its development and to define its general political directions and priorities.