

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 2

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Status : **Members and alternate members.**

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 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 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.

The European Council shall act on a proposal from the Council. The Council proposal shall be adopted by a qualified majority on the basis of recommendations by the *Secretary of the Union* (for matters relating to the common foreign, security and defence policy), by the Commission (for other areas of external action), or by both together. The decisions of the European Council shall be implemented by the *appropriate institution* in accordance with the procedures provided for in the Constitution.

2. *The Secretary of the Union*, 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. The Council shall adopt decisions on such joint proposals by qualified majority.
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Explanation:

We have included the responsibility of the Secretary of state in the are of defence and removed the mention of the Council as the sole institutions entitled to implement European Council Decisions. In some instance, the implementation will have to be undertaken by the Commission.