

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 2

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### 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.<sup>1</sup> ~~Such decisions may concern the relations of the Union with a specific country or region or may be thematic in approach.~~<sup>2</sup> They shall define their duration, and the means to be made available by the Union and the Member States.

The European Council shall act unanimously on a proposal from the Council. The Council proposal shall be adopted by the Council by a qualified majority on the basis of recommendations by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (for matters relating to the common foreign and security policy), by the Commission (for other areas of external action), ~~or by both together~~ **or by Member States.**<sup>3</sup> The decisions of the European Council shall be implemented by the Council 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. The Council shall adopt decisions on such joint proposals by qualified majority.~~<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> It is difficult to see the added value of the new wording, "strategic interests and objectives", as opposed to "common strategies"

<sup>2</sup> Unnecessary

<sup>3</sup> The Member States should also be given the right to initiate recommendations on the strategic interests and objectives of the union.

<sup>4</sup> Unnecessary, the procedure is described in Article 9.