

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III - 192

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Member

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1. The Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs, ~~who shall chair the Foreign Affairs Council~~, shall contribute through his proposals towards the preparation of the common foreign and security policy and shall be responsible for implementing the decisions taken by the European Council and the Council.
 2. For matters relating to the common foreign and security policy, the Union shall be represented by the **Union** Minister for Foreign Affairs. ~~He~~, **who** shall conduct political dialogue on the Union's behalf and shall, **where possible**, express the Union's position in international organisations and at international conferences.

Explanation (if any) : A significant number of Convention Members consider that, on grounds of democratic accountability, the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs should not chair the Foreign Affairs Council to which he or she will be held to account.

There is a need for consistency throughout the draft Constitutional Treaty when referring to the 'Minister for Foreign Affairs' – my preference remains 'Union Minister for Foreign Affairs' to make clear the distinction with Ministers of Foreign Affairs from the Member States.