

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-195 (ex Article 8)

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1. Any Member State ~~or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or the Minister with the support of the Commission~~ **the Commission or the Minister for Foreign Affairs acting jointly with the Commission**, may refer to the Council any question relating to the common foreign and security policy and may submit proposals to the Council.
2. In cases requiring a rapid decision, the ~~Presidency Minister for Foreign Affairs, of the Minister's own~~ its own motion, or at the request of **the Minister for Foreign Affairs**, a Member State ~~or the Commission~~ shall convene an extraordinary Council meeting within forty-eight hours or, in an emergency, within a shorter period.

Explanation (if any) :

The right of initiative of the “Foreign Minister of the Union” should not replace the right of initiative of the Commission (see “Reforming the Institutions: Principles and Premises” CONV 646/03 page 6 “the Commission must be allocated a stronger role of initiative in the current second and third pillars”).