

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 195 (ex Article 8), part III of the Constitution

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#### Article III-195 (ex Article 8)

1.            Any Member State, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or the Minister with the support of 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, of its own motion, or at the request of the Commission or a Member State** or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, ~~of the Minister's own motion or at the request of a Member State~~, shall convene an extraordinary Council meeting within forty-eight hours or, in an emergency, within a shorter period.
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#### Explanation (if any) :

*The Minister for Foreign Affairs should not be granted a right to convene an extraordinary Council meeting. This task belongs to the rotating Presidency of the Council. However, the Minister for Foreign Affairs along with the Commission and the Member States could present a request to the Presidency on convening such a meeting.*