

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-196

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## COMMON FOREIGN POLICY

### Article III-196 (ex Article 9)

1. Decisions under this Chapter shall be taken by the Council acting **by enhanced qualified majority** ~~unanimously. Abstentions by members present in person or represented shall not prevent the adoption of such decisions.~~

~~When abstaining in a vote, any member of the Council may qualify its abstention by making a formal declaration under the present subparagraph. In that case, it shall not be obliged to apply the decision, but shall accept that the decision commits the Union. In a spirit of mutual solidarity, the Member State concerned shall refrain from any action likely to conflict with or impede Union action based on that decision and the other Member States shall respect its position. If the members of the Council qualifying their abstention in this way represent more than one third of the votes weighted in accordance with [Article X] of the Constitution, the decision shall not be adopted.~~

2. By derogation from paragraph 1, the Council shall act by qualified majority:

- (a) when adopting decisions on Union actions and positions on the basis of a European Council decision relating to the Union's strategic interests and objectives, as defined in [Article 2(1)] of this Title;
- (b) when adopting a decision on the initiative of the Minister for Foreign Affairs ~~further to a request from the European Council;~~
- (c) when adopting any decision implementing a Union action or position;
- (d) when appointing a special representative in accordance with [Article 11] of this Chapter.

If a member of the Council declares that, for vital and stated reasons of national policy, it intends to oppose the adoption of a decision to be taken by qualified majority, a vote shall not be taken. The Council may, acting by a qualified majority, request that the matter be referred to the European Council ~~for decision by unanimity~~

3. The European Council may decide unanimously that the Council shall act by a qualified majority in cases other than those referred to in paragraph 2.

4. Paragraphs 2 and 3 shall not apply to decisions having military or defence implications.

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**Explanation (if any) :**