

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article III-196 (2)

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Article III-196 (ex Article 9)

2. By derogation from paragraph 1, the Council shall act by qualified majority:
- (a) when adopting European decisions on Union actions and positions on the basis of a European decision of the European Council relating to the Union's strategic interests and objectives, as defined in [Article III-189(1)] of this Title;
 - ~~(b) when adopting a decision on a Union action or position, on a proposal which the Minister puts forward to it following a specific request to him from the European Council made at its own initiative or that of the Minister;~~
 - (c) when adopting any European decision implementing a Union action or position;
 - (d) when adopting a European decision concerning the appointment of a special representative in accordance with [Article III-198 (ex 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 European 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.

Explanation:

Article I-39 (8) already provides for the possibility of the European Council agreeing, by unanimity, to extend the use of QMV in the field of CFSP.

Moreover, QMV can also be used for implementing decisions.

We consider these possibilities sufficient.