

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 11

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Article 11

The Council shall, whenever it deems it necessary, *and after having consulted the European Parliament*,, appoint, on a proposal from the [*Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union*], a special representative with a mandate in relation to particular policy issues. The special representative shall carry out his mandate under the authority of the [*Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union*].

Explanation:

We prefer the title Secretary of the Union as being less confusing with the traditional nomenclature of national ministers of foreign affairs.

The nomination of special representatives is the Council's prerogative, but should be subject to parliamentary scrutiny, especially as the representative will surely be using the financial resources and staff of the Union.