

## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 13

Suggestion for PART TWO – CHAPTER 1: COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY , A. Common foreign policy

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### CHAPTER 1: COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY

#### A. Common foreign policy

##### Article 13

1. The Minister for Foreign Affairs shall consult the European Parliament on the main aspects and the basic choices of the common foreign and security policy *as well as the Security and Defence Policy* and shall ensure that the views of the European Parliament are duly taken into consideration. The European Parliament shall be kept regularly informed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs *on all aspects* of the development of the Union's foreign and security policy, including the security and defence policy *in particular those having budgetary implications*.
  2. The European Parliament may ask questions of the Council and of the Minister for Foreign Affairs or make recommendations to them. It shall hold ~~an annual~~ *twice a year a* debate on progress in implementing the common foreign and security policy, including the security and defence policy.
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#### Explanation (if any) :

Para 1: It should be made clear that the European Council is primarily responsible for adopting the guidelines for the Union's foreign policy whereas the Council is responsible for making the necessary decisions. It may be appropriate to mention already here the role of the European

Parliament should decisions on foreign and security policy have budgetary implications. The experience of the last two years shows that the Council tends to seek procedures for circumventing the European Parliament.

Para 2: The amendment is to strengthen the role of the European Parliament in foreign and security policy.