

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 13

Suggestion for protocol :

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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 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 *[Delete : Minister for Foreign Affairs]* **Commission** of the development of the Union's foreign and security policy, including the security and defence policy.

2. The European Parliament may ask questions of the Council and *[of the Minister for Foreign Affairs]* **Commission** or make recommendations to them. **Responses to such European Parliamentary Questions shall be undertaken in a full and timely manner.** It shall hold an annual debate on *[progress in implementing]* **issues relating to** the common foreign and security policy, including the security and defence policy.

Explanation (if any) : The Commission should retain its present role as a key source of information for MEPs. In so doing, it should undertake that Parliamentary Questions (PQs) directly answer the questions asked, are complete, and are delivered speedily.