

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 16

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Status : Members and alternate members.

Article 16

Without prejudice to Article XX of the Constitution [on the organisation of the Council/Permanent Representatives Committee], a Political and Security Committee shall monitor the international situation in the areas covered by the common foreign and security policy and contribute to the definition of policies by delivering opinions to the Council at the request of the Council or on its own initiative. It shall also monitor the implementation of agreed policies, without prejudice to the responsibility of the *[Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union] or of the Commission*.

Within the scope of this title, this Committee shall exercise, under the responsibility of the Council, and in close contact with the *[Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union]*, political control and strategic direction of crisis management operations, as defined in Article 17 of this Title.

The Council may authorise the Committee, for the purpose and for the duration of a crisis management operation, as determined by the Council, to take the relevant decisions concerning the political control and strategic direction of the operation.

Explanation:

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