

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 16**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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**Status : X - Member            - Alternate**

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### ***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 [*Delete: or on its own initiative*]. It shall also monitor the implementation of agreed policies. [*Delete: without prejudice to the responsibility of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.*]

Within the scope of this title, this Committee shall exercise, under the responsibility of the Council, [*and in close contact with the Minister for Foreign Affairs,*] 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.

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**Explanation (if any) : The Common Foreign and Security Policy must remain intergovernmental, and decided through unanimity. Government Ministers should be the ones to steer it, accountable to their national parliament.**