

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 5, Part II – Title B

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Status: Members and alternate members.

1. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, ~~who shall chair the Foreign Affairs Council~~, shall contribute through his proposals towards the preparation of the common foreign and security policy and shall be responsible for implementing the decisions taken by the European Council and the Council.
 2. For matters relating to the common foreign and security policy, the Union shall be represented by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who shall conduct the political dialogue on the Union's behalf and shall express the Union's position in international organisations and at international conferences.
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Explanation:

It is of the utmost importance to make sure that the job-description for the Minister for Foreign affairs will work in practice. When giving the same person responsibility for coordinating the Commission's external policies, chairing the Foreign Affairs Council and sharing the right of initiative in the CFSP with the Member States, you run risk of overload. This question should be settled in the context of the general deliberations on the future Presidency of the Council.