

AMENDMENT FORM

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

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Member - ~~Alternate~~

Art 5.1: 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.

Art 5.2: For matters relating to the common foreign and security policy, the Union shall be represented by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who when appropriate and acting on behalf of and at the request of the Council, shall conduct the political dialogue on the Union's behalf and shall express the Union's position in international organisations and at international conferences.

Explanation (if any) :

5.1: Comment: the precise mandate and terms of a "European Foreign Minister" have yet to be agreed. The UK will be proposing amendments to Art 19 of the Institutions Articles. Our response to Art 5.1 will be determined by the eventual amendments to Art 19 of the Institutions articles.

5.2: to make clear that the "European Foreign Minister" is accountable to the Council and does not replace the right of Member States to speak on their own behalf in international organisations.