

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 5**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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### *Article 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.
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.

**The Commission shall be fully associated in the tasks of implementing the Common Foreign and Security Policy.**

**The Council may request the Commission to submit to it any appropriate proposals relating to the Common Foreign and Security Policy to ensure its implementation.**

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### **Explanation (if any) :**

Explanation 5(1): The Minister for Foreign Affairs should not be given the task of chairing the Council. This task belongs to the rotating presidency of the Council.

Explanation 5(2): The Commission's present right to participate in the Common Foreign and

Security Policy should not be diminished. This is important for the coherence of the Union's external relations and has been recognised in TEU Article 18(4) and 14(4). These provisions should be maintained and therefore they have been reproduced above. Their inclusion would allow the Commission to preserve its right to participate in the implementation of CFSP decisions and, where appropriate, in the Union's external representation.