

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment to PART TWO, Title B, Article 8

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Article 8

1. Any Member State or the Minister for Foreign Affairs **or the Commission or the Minister for Foreign Affairs acting alone or together jointly with the Commission**, may refer to the Council any question relating to the common foreign and security policy and may submit proposals to the Council.
2. In cases requiring a rapid decision, the **Presidency Minister for Foreign Affairs**, ~~of the Minister's own~~ its own motion, or at the request of **the Minister for Foreign Affairs**, a Member State **or the Commission** shall convene an extraordinary Council meeting within forty-eight hours or, in an emergency, within a shorter period.

Explanation (if any) :

The right of initiative of the "Foreign Minister of the Union" should not replace the right of initiative of the Commission (see "Reforming the Institutions: Principles and Premises" CONV 646/03 page 6 "the Commission must be allocated a stronger role of initiative in the current second and third pillars").

Depending on the overall institutional provisions Art. 14 paragraph 4 of the Treaty on the European Union ("The Council may request the Commission to submit to it any appropriate proposals relating to the common foreign and security policy to ensure the implementation of a joint action decision") may have to be retained.