

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 8

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Status : - Member: Hjelm-Wallén and Lekberg
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Article 8

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

¹ Member States, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Commission should equally be able to refer a question
or submit proposals to the Council.

² It should be the responsibility of the Chair to convene extraordinary Council meetings. The right to request
extraordinary Council meetings need not be spelled out in the Constitution.