

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 18

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Status :
- **Member: Hjelm-Wallén and Lekberg**
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Article 18

1. Within the framework of the decisions adopted in accordance with Article 17 of this Title, the Council may entrust the implementation of a task to a group of Member States having the necessary capability and the desire to undertake the task. Those Member States shall agree between themselves on the **day to day**¹ management of the **implementation** task.
2. The Council shall **retain the political control and strategic direction**² and be regularly informed by the Member States participating in the task on its progress and, should the completion of the task involve major new consequences or require amendment of the objective, scope and conditions for implementation agreed by the Council under Article 17(2) of this Title, ~~[the Member States participating shall refer the matter to the Council forthwith. In such cases]~~,² the Council shall adopt the necessary decisions.

¹ If a group of Member States carry out a crisis management operation, they shall also decide between themselves on the day-to-day management of the operative management..

² Any operation carried out in the name of the Union must always be subject to the political control of all Member States