

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 18 of Part II, Title B

Suggestion for protocol :

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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. **Under the overall authority of the Council**, those Member States shall agree between themselves on the management of the task.
2. The Council shall 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~~ **should the Union Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Union or a Member State of the Union propose** 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~~ **the Council shall take up the matter and, if appropriate, to the Council forthwith.** ~~In such cases, the Council shall~~ adopt the necessary decisions.

Explanation (if any) : The Council as a whole should retain appropriate command and control over operations carried out by a group of Member States under the provisions of this article.