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OPTION 1 ¹

**DECLARATION ON THE CREATION OF
A EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE**

To strengthen the coherence and efficiency of the Union's action in the world, the Convention agrees on the need to establish a joint administration (European External Action Service) within the Commission including officials from the relevant units from the General Secretariat of the Council and foreign ministries of the Member States. The administration shall work as mandated by the Council as far as it does not interfere in the competences of the Commission.

The staff of the Union's delegations, as defined in Article III-225, shall be provided from this joint service.

The Convention is of the view that the necessary arrangements for the establishment of the joint service should be made within the first year after entry into force of the Constitutional Treaty.

¹ Option 1 is our preferred option.