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OPTION 2

**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 *as an integral part of the Commission administration*, one joint service (European External Action Service) composed of relevant Council of Ministers and *Commission officials* and staff seconded from national Diplomatic Services. *The administration shall work as mandated by the Council without prejudice to 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.