

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment to PART TWO, Title B, Article 36

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#### *Article 36*

1. The Union shall have at its disposal a diplomatic service of its own composed of officials of the Commission and of the Council Secretariat as well as of staff seconded from national diplomatic services.
2. The Union shall have at its disposal diplomatic representations [delegations] in third countries and to international organisations and delegations to international conferences ~~shall represent the Union.~~
3. Union **representations and** delegations shall operate under the **joint** authority of the Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs **and the Commission** and in close cooperation with Member States' missions.
4. These representations and delegations may also provide for the representation of those Member States which so desire.

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#### **Explanation :**

The provisions of this Article should be strengthened by reflecting more faithfully the recommendations of the Working Group on External Action.

The Union's diplomatic service should rely on a network of existing Diplomatic Academies which should contribute to the development of a European diplomatic culture. This might eventually lead to the establishment of a European Diplomatic Academy.