

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of: Part III, Article 240

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Subsection 3

The Council of Ministers

Article III-240 (ex Articles 203 and 204)

1. **Any formation of the Council of Ministers** shall meet when convened by its President ~~or~~ on his own initiative or at the request of one of its members or of the Commission.
2. ~~The European Council shall adopt by unanimity a decision establishing the rules governing the rotation of the Presidency of the Council formations.~~

Explanation

Terminology should be consistent with Part I, therefore 'Council of Ministers' is preferred and should be used throughout Subsection 3.

Given that under Article I - 21 the European Council is to have its own elected President, it is not clear what is meant by the 'President' of the Council of Ministers in paragraph 1. It should, therefore, allow each formation to be convened by its President, allowing the European Council greater flexibility in deciding on arrangements for the different formations.

The second paragraph should be deleted as it is already provided for in Article I – 23.4. If it is not deleted, the word 'rotation' should be preceded by 'equal'