

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article III-246 (ex Article 213(2)):

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Article III-246 (ex Article 213(2))

1. European Commissioners and Commissioners shall refrain from any action incompatible with their duties. Each Member State undertakes to respect this principle and not to seek to influence European Commissioners and Commissioners in the performance of their tasks.

2. European Commissioners and Commissioners may not, during their term of office, engage in any other occupation, whether gainful or not. When entering upon their duties they shall give a solemn undertaking that, both during and after their term of office, they will respect the obligations arising therefrom and in particular their duty to behave with integrity and discretion as regards the acceptance, after they have ceased to hold office, of certain appointments or benefits. In the event of any breach of these obligations, the Court of Justice may, on application by the Council acting by a simple majority or by the Commission, rule that the Member concerned be, according to the circumstances, either compulsorily retired in accordance with Article III-248 or deprived of his right to a pension or other benefits in its stead.

3. Paragraph 2 shall not apply in case the European Council elects the President of the European Commission as its chairperson.

Explanation:

Would leave the door open for an EU President with a “double hat”