

AMENDMENT FORM

Part III - Chapter VI: The Functionings of the Union - Chapter 1 - Section 1 - The Institutions

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-242

By Members: Mr Andrew Duff

Article III-242 (ex Article 207)

1. A committee consisting of the Permanent Representatives of the Member States shall be responsible for preparing the work of the Council and for carrying out the tasks assigned to it by the Council. The Committee may adopt procedural decisions in cases provided for in the Council's Rules of Procedure.

2. The Council shall be assisted by a General Secretariat, under the responsibility of a Secretary-General.

The Council shall decide on the organisation of the General Secretariat by a simple majority.

3. The Council shall adopt its Rules of Procedure by a simple majority. ***It shall be responsible for deciding the location of its seat.***

Explanation:

Our amendment implies the suppression of paragraph (b) of the Protocol on the location of the seats of the institutions. The legislature is different to other institutions. The Council must have equal autonomy with that of the Parliament to decide where it wishes to be located. See our parallel amendment to Article 236.