

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article: Art. III-256, Title VI, Chapter I, Section 1, Subsection 5**

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### Article III- 256

The Judges and Advocates-General of the Court of Justice shall be chosen from persons whose independence is beyond doubt and who possess the qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial offices in their respective countries or who are jurisconsults of recognised competence; they shall be appointed by common accord of the governments of the Member States, **for a term of nine years non renewable, after consulting the panel provided for in [ex Article 224a].**

Every three years there shall be a partial replacement of the Judges and Advocates-General, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Statute of the Court of Justice.

The Judges shall elect the President of the Court of Justice from among their number for a term of ~~three~~ **four and an half** years. He may be re-elected.

The Court of Justice shall establish its Rules of Procedure. Those Rules shall require the approval of the Council, acting by a qualified majority.

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**Explanation: The elimination of the sentence is due to the suppression of article III-258 (ex 224a.**