

## PROPOSAL 17

Submitted by the following Member States:

**Germany (Federal Republic of), Bulgaria (Republic of), Spain, Estonia (Republic of), Finland, France, Liechtenstein (Principality of), Luxembourg, the Netherlands (Kingdom of), Norway, Poland (Republic of), the Slovak Republic, Slovenia (Republic of), the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland (Confederation of) and Turkey**

### **The terms of office of the elected officials**

In the current situation, the elected officials can be eligible for re-election to the same post only once, however, there is not a limit of the terms concerning the five elected posts as a whole.

After accomplishing two terms in one post, the same person can be elected to one of the other four elected posts. Taken to extremes, this situation could lead to the same person remaining in the elected posts for forty years, thus hampering the partaking of new people and ideas in the management of the Union.

Consequently, CEPT considers that there should be a limit of a maximum of two terms in office in total for any of the five posts, i.e. the posts of Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Directors of the Bureaux. Therefore an individual could serve a maximum of either two terms in one post or a combination of one term in one post and one term in another.

#### **Proposal**

To amend the Convention as suggested in the annex, so that:

- upon completion of a maximum of two terms in any of the five elected posts (Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Directors of the Bureaux), election to another of these posts will not be permitted.

## ANNEX

### ARTICLE 2

#### **Elections and Related Matters**

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1 The Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux shall take up their duties on the dates determined by the Plenipotentiary Conference at the time of their election. They shall normally remain in office until dates determined by the following Plenipotentiary Conference, and they shall be eligible for re-election once only. Upon completion of a maximum of two terms in any of these posts, election to another of these posts is not permitted.