

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article I-13, para 2:

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Status :

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### Suggestion

#### Article I-13: Areas of shared competences

2. Shared competence applies in the following principal areas:

- internal market,
- area of freedom, security and justice,
- agriculture and fisheries, excluding the conservation of marine biological resources,
- transport and trans-European networks,
- energy,
- social policy, for aspects defined in Part Three,
- economic and social cohesion,
- environment,
- consumer protection,
- *the combating of ~~common safety concerns in~~ public health matters **threats of a significant cross-border nature.***

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### Explanation:

- *The shared competence on public health appears to be too broad and vague to be sufficiently distinguished from the supporting competence under Article I-16.2. The sole intention of this shared competence should be to enable the Union to combat cross-border public health threats (e.g, SARS). We would also draw the attention of the Praesidium to the fact that there is **no counterpart to this new shared competence in Part Three of the Constitution.** For the moment, the supporting competence under Article I-16.2 is implemented by Article 174 (ex-Article 152 EC), which rightly does not allow for superseding national competences. If the new shared competence on public health threats was to be maintained, there would have to be a clearly defined operative clause in Part Three, which would need to be discussed in the Convention.*