

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: 8

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Article 8: Fundamental principles

1. The limits and use of competences in the Europe of Democracies are governed by the principles of conferral, subsidiarity, proportionality and loyal cooperation.
2. In accordance with the principle of conferral, the Europe of Democracies shall act within the limits of the competences conferred upon it by the Treaty to attain the objectives the Treaty sets out. Competences not conferred upon the Europe of Democracies by the Treaty remain with the Member States.
3. In accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, the Europe of Democracies shall act only if and insofar as the objectives of the intended action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, but can rather, by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, be better achieved at the level of the Europe of Democracies.
4. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, the scope and form of action undertaken by the Europe of Democracies shall not exceed what is necessary to achieve the objectives of the Treaty.
5. In accordance with the principle of loyal cooperation, the Europe of Democracies and the Member States shall, in full mutual respect, assist each other to carry out tasks which flow from the Treaty.