

AMENDMENT FORM

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Suggestion for amendment of Article III-6

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Article III-6 (ex Article 18)

1. If action by the Union should prove necessary to attain the objective, referred to in [Article 1-8], of the right of every Union citizen to move and reside freely and the Constitution has not provided the necessary powers, the European law or framework law may facilitate the exercise of that right.

2. For the same purposes as that referred to in paragraph 1 and unless the Constitution has provided for powers of action in this area, measures concerning passports, identity cards, residence permits or any other such document and measures concerning ~~social security~~ or social protection may be laid down by a unanimously adopted European law or framework law of the Council. The Council shall act after consulting the European Parliament. **Measures concerning social security as referred to in Article III-18 shall be laid down by European law or framework law.**

Explanation (if any) :

The legal base for measures concerning the co-ordination of social security schemes have to be harmonized as regards the procedure for adoption of such measures. In practice it is not possible to distinguish between the various groups of persons affected (workers, self-employed, non active European citizens), so that always the most strict procedure has to apply to all groups. Austria is willing to accept the principle of QMV for this field. To this end the words "social security or" shall be deleted and a new sentence shall be added.