

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article III-18

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#### Article III-18 (ex Article 42)

In the field of social security, a **European law or framework law, adopted by the Council acting unanimously**, shall establish such measures as are necessary to bring about freedom of movement for workers by introducing a system to secure for migrant workers and their dependants:

- (a) aggregation, for the purpose of acquiring and retaining the right to benefit and of calculating the amount of benefit, of all periods taken into account under the laws of the several countries;
- (b) payment of benefits to persons resident in the territories of Member States.

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#### **Explanation:**

We do not support the use of ordinary legislative procedure in Article 18 and find it important to maintain the procedure of the current TEC Article 47, i.e. unanimity rule in the Council.

Social security, which for many Member States forms a seamless whole with the taxation system reflects societies' preferences concerning the distribution of wealth and income within Member States. This distribution is a matter for the Member States.