

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 12:

Suggestion for protocol :

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Article 12: [Immigration]

2. To this end, **the Council shall unanimously** adopt laws and framework laws **after consulting the European Parliament** in the following areas:

- conditions of entry and residence, and standards on the issue by Member States of long-term visas and residence permits, including those for the purpose of family reunion;
- definition of the rights of third-country nationals residing legally in a Member State, including the conditions governing the freedom of movement and of residence in other Member States;

2bis To this end, the European Parliament and the Council, in accordance with the legislative procedure, shall adopt laws and framework laws in the following areas:

- illegal immigration and unauthorised residence, including removal and repatriation of persons residing without authorisation;
 - combating trafficking in persons, in particular women and children.
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Explanation (if any) :

The Treaty of Nice determines the unanimous voting within the Council on conditions of entry and residence, and definition of the rights of third-country nationals residing legally in a Member State. Those provisions should not be changed.