

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Part Two Article 12

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<p><u>Article 12: [Immigration]</u></p> <p>1. The Union shall develop a common immigration policy aimed at ensuring, at all stages, the efficient management of migration flows, fair treatment of third-country nationals residing legally in Member States, and the prevention of, and enhanced measures to combat, illegal immigration and trafficking in human beings.</p> <p>2. 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– 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;– illegal immigration and unauthorised residence, including removal and repatriation of persons residing without authorisation;– combating trafficking in persons, in particular women and children. <p>3. The Union may conclude readmission agreements with third countries for the readmission of third-country nationals residing without authorisation to their</p>	<p><i>DELETE</i></p> <p>Explanation: The Community should not have competence in this field but Member States could consider acting together on a bilateral or multilateral basis for their mutual benefit.</p>

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<p>countries of origin or provenance.</p> <p>4. The European Parliament and the Council, in accordance with the legislative procedure, may adopt laws and framework laws providing incentive and support for the action of Member States with a view to promoting the integration of third-country nationals residing legally in their territories.</p>	