

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 31

Suggestion for protocol :

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Article 31

1. Where a decision on a Union position or action adopted according to the provisions on the common foreign and security policy in Chapter 1 of this Title provides for the interruption or reduction, in part or completely, of economic and financial relations with one or more third countries, the Council, acting by [delete: a qualified majority] **unanimity** on a joint proposal from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Commission, shall take the necessary measures. It shall inform the European Parliament thereof.

New 1a. Opt outs on such actions arising from the principle of Constructive abstention shall be permitted.

2. In the areas referred to in paragraph 1 the Council may adopt restrictive measures under the same procedure against natural or legal persons and non-State groups or bodies.

Explanation (if any) : As with other aspects of the Common Foreign Policy, national parliaments should be in control for reasons of democratic accountability.