

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 31

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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 a qualified majority 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.
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~~¹ groups or bodies **if they have or have had a vital function in a third country.**²

¹ In order to ensure that also governmental organisations are fully covered by this article, I suggest that the reference to “non State” in section 2 be removed. That would clarify that all groups and bodies, whether or not they are connected to a State, are covered by the article.

² It would be reasonable to limit the measures according to Article 31.2 to natural or legal persons and groups or bodies who have or have had a vital function in a third country.