

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article on Enhanced Cooperation: Article III-318 (ex Article I)

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ENHANCED COOPERATION

Article III-318 (ex Article I)

The provisions of Article [32b] of the Constitution and Articles [J to P] below shall not apply to the forms of cooperation in the areas of common foreign, security and defence policy provided for by Articles [I-39 and I- 4030] of the Constitution and governed specifically by Title V Chapter II Articles [18 to 21] (*Part Three*) of the Constitution.

Explanation:

The very idea behind the CFSP is that the Member States should agree on the political dimension of the common policy. There are clearly stated exceptions from the main rule of common decisions: a Member State may abstain or put forward vital and stated reasons of national policy for opposing a decision and decisions on sending troops will be based on "coalitions of the willing".

The strength in the CFSP is unity among the Member States. The CFSP is, by definition, a policy oriented towards the world outside the EU. There is actually a clear risk that enhanced cooperation would weaken the CFSP. The credibility of the whole of CFSP could be damaged by even one or two instances of enhanced cooperation in the CFSP area. Thus, there should not be any enhanced cooperation when it comes to the CFSP.