

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Part III, Article 318

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#### Article III – 318 (ex Article I)

**Enhanced cooperation under the common foreign and security policy shall be aimed at safeguarding the values and the interest of the Union as a whole by asserting its identity as a coherent force on the international scene. It shall respect its principles and general guidelines and shall be consistent with decisions taken within the framework of that policy.**

**Within the framework of the common foreign and security policy, ~~t~~he provisions of Article [I-43] of the Constitution and Articles [III – 319 to III – 325] below shall **apply to implementation of decisions on Union actions and positions provided for by Article III - 190** They shall not apply to the forms of cooperation in the area of defence provided for by Article 30 of Part One and governed specifically by Articles [III- 206 to III – 209 (ex 18 to 21)].**

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**Explanation (if any):** The existing provisions for enhanced cooperation in the CFSP state that any proposed enhanced cooperation must respect the principles, objectives and general guidelines of that policy. Article I - 43 stipulates that enhanced cooperation is aimed at furthering the objectives of the Union. This includes the principles and objectives of external action. However, there is no provision in the current text to ensure consistency with the principles and general guidelines of the CFSP, as defined by the European Council. It is also important to ensure any enhanced cooperation undertaking is consistent with decisions taken in the CFSP.

The existing Treaty provisions for enhanced cooperation within the CFSP are limited to implementation of joint actions and common positions. This ensures that any enhanced cooperation takes place in the context of implementing a decision on a policy already determined by the Union as a whole. This has important implications for the integrity of the CFSP, and would no longer be the case under the proposal from the Praesidium.