

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 322 (ex Article M)

By Mr Hain

Status : Member

1. *OK.*

2. *First two paragraphs: OK*

New paragraph 3:

If a member of the Council declares that, for important and stated reasons of national policy, it intends to oppose the adoption of a decision to be taken by qualified majority, a vote shall not be taken. The Council may, acting by a qualified majority, request that the matter be referred to the European Council for decision by unanimity.

Explanation (if any) :

This amendment retains the unanimity lock found in Nice (Article 23, para 2 TEU). This is very important if enhanced co-operation is to be available in CFSP.