

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article X Solidarity clause

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Article X *Solidarity clause*

In application of the principle of solidarity, the Union shall mobilise all the instruments at its disposal, including military resources, **and at the request of the Member State in question**, to:

- prevent the terrorist threat;
- protect democratic institutions and the civilian population from any terrorist attack;
- assist a Member State in its territory [*delete*] in the event of a terrorist attack .

The principle of solidarity shall apply to terrorist threats from non-State entities. The detailed rules for implementing this provision, **including its application to other natural or humanitarian disasters**, appear in Article X of Part Two, Title B, of the Constitution.

Explanation (if any) :

The solidarity clause and its application should be formulated in the way proposed by the Working Group on Defence. The words "request by a Member State" should be moved to the chapeau of this Article instead of the third tiret, because a request may also be relevant in other cases.

As proposed by the Working Group, in order to distinguish the principle of solidarity without any ambiguity from a collective defence obligation, the article should specify that it applies only to threats from non-state entities. The Article should not limit the application of the principle only to terrorism. The Working Group on Defence referred in its conclusions also to natural and humanitarian disasters. This aspect of solidarity should be preserved in the Article and elaborated in Part II.