

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of: Article 10

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Aim:

Reformulate Article 10.4:

"The Union shall have competence to define and implement a common foreign, security **and defense** policy.

Explanation :

As formulated, Article 10.4, which refers to "the progressive framing of a common defence policy", is undoubtedly a step backwards. A distinction exists between a common policy for defence, a common defense policy and a common defence, three concepts that imply an increasing degree of integration. A common defence involves the creation of integrated structures and is referred to in Article 17 of the EU Treaty as an objective that is not for the immediate future but which can be attained through a simple decision of the European Council without having to revise the Treaties "...which might lead to a common defence,

if the Council should so decide"). This is the most advanced formulation and should be incorporated in Article 10 of the Constitution.