

FICHE AMENDEMENT

Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : 13

Déposée par Madame ou Monsieur : Rt Hon David Heathcoat-Amory, MP

Qualité : - Membre *X* - Suppléant

13.1 Delete and replace with « Economic policy shall be considered an area of common interest. Member states will coordinate their activities as they deem appropriate through the sharing of information »

Explication éventuelle

Under the existing treaties, this area is deemed best left to Member States. But a distinct entity called the « Union » is here instructed to act in very sensitive issues which go to the heart of what a Member State is meant to do. This will widen the democratic deficit.

13.1 Delete and replace with « Member States shall conduct their economic policies with a view to contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the Union by co-ordinating them within the Council, and in particular by establishing broad guidelines for these policies. »

Explication éventuelle

This is an area of policy that has aspects of shared competence and supporting measures. As drafted the language moves too far from the current Treaties.

13.2 Delete and replace with « Member states shall, in the conduct of their economic policies, recall the spirit of cooperation and friendship upon which this Treaty is founded »

Explication éventuelle

Member states should be free to conduct their policy as their electorate instructs

13.3 At end, insert « Likewise, the rights and privileges of opt-out states shall be respected . No legislation shall be enacted by opt-in states which have an affect on the latter, without the unanimous consent of the latter»

Explication éventuelle

Opt-outs were obtained by states through negotiations, in which they gave their consent for the other countries to go ahead in return for having their own rights respected. This arrangement should be honoured in good faith.