

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 14:

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Proposed Amendments

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2. *When the Union exercises its competences in the field of the common foreign and security policy, this shall exclude individual external action by the Member States where such action is against the interests of the Union or has been ruled out by the Council.*

Explanation:

Para 2 is the absolutely necessary minimum if the Union wants to be able to speak with one voice externally. An even better alternative would be the inclusion of the common foreign and security policy among the shared competences and the application of the principle of Article 10(2) of the Praesidium text.