

AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article 14**

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**Status :** Alternate

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Article 14: The common foreign, security **and defence** policy

*14.1 The Union shall implement common action in the areas of foreign, security and defence policy where member states have reached an agreement on policy in furtherance of the objectives set out in Article 3 of the Constitution. Member States shall support such common policies in accordance with the principle of loyal cooperation and shall refrain from actions likely to undermine their effectiveness*

*14.2 Without prejudice to the North Atlantic Treaty or to the specific character of the defence policy of certain Member States, the Union is committed to its collective security and, accordingly, shall frame progressively a common defence policy.*

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**Explanation :**

*14.1 This draft seeks to ensure that the initiative remains with the Member States to adopt agreed foreign, security and defence policies, but that when they are agreed they shall be effectively implemented as policies of the Union and that they are strengthened by the solidarity of the Union.*

*14.2 To be consistent with Article 10.4 and, indeed, with the present Treaty on European Union, some mention must be made here of defence policy. The EU Rapid Reaction Force and any future EU military combinations must have a legal basis in the Constitution.*

*Within the context of a commitment to the collective security of the Union as a whole, obligations to NATO by some Member States and to neutrality by others should be referred to explicitly.*