

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 30

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Status : - Alternate

Article 30: Common security and defence policy

Paragraph 7

7. Until such time as the European Council has acted in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, closer cooperation *may* be established, in the Union framework, as regards mutual defence. Under this cooperation, if one of the Member States participating in such cooperation is the victim of armed aggression on its territory, the other participating States shall give it aid and assistance by all the means in their power, military and other, in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter. *In the execution of the closer cooperation on mutual defence, the participating Member States shall work in close cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.* The detailed arrangements for participation in this cooperation and its operation, and the relevant decision-making procedures, are set out in Article 21 of Part Two, Title B, of the Constitution.

Explanation (if any) :

It should be stressed that any structured cooperation on mutual defence takes place in close cooperation with NATO.