

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 30 (Part I Title V p.15)

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : X - Member - Alternate

Delete whole article. Replace with :

15. The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation shall remain the prime defensive alliance for Member States of the European Union. The positions of neutral Member States shall nevertheless be fully respected.

Member States shall endeavour to maintain an appropriate level of defence expenditure. The coordination of their defence and security policies, and the augmentation of defence capabilities shall be facilitated within this framework.

Explanation (if any) : The article is deleted as it clashes with NATO and creates a dangerous military ambition for the EU.