

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 30 – Title V

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The common security and defence policy shall include the progressive framing of a common defence policy for the Union. This **might** lead to a common defence, when the European Council, acting unanimously, so decides....

The policy of the Union in accordance with this Article shall not prejudice the specific character of the security and defence policy of **those** Member States and shall respect the obligations of **those** Member States, which see their common defence realised in the NATO....

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Member States shall make military and civilian capabilities available to the common security and defence policy, to contribute to the objectives defined by the Council.

~~Member States shall undertake progressively to improve their military capabilities. A European Armaments and Strategic Research Agency shall be established.....~~

Those Member States which establish multinational forces together may also make those forces available to the common security and defence policy.

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Those Member States ~~which fulfil higher criteria for military capabilities and~~ which have made more binding commitments to one another in this area with a view to more demanding tasks **might** establish structured cooperation within the Union framework.....

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Until such time as the European Council has acted in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, closer cooperation **might** 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 **will seek how to provide it with aid** and assistance by ~~all~~ the means in their power, military and other, in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, **if NATO is not involved**. The detailed arrangements....

Explanation (if any) :

30.2 : Those : reflects higher majority than « certain ».

30.3 : The Agency should be established in Part II.

30.6 : « higher criteria » is an unclear formulation.

30.7 : The mutual defence obligation should not interfere with similar obligation in NATO, which the majority of EU Member States are part of.

30.6/I and 21.1/II : Initialisation of closer cooperation in ESDP area should always require the threshold of at least one half of all Member States.