

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :31

Suggestion for protocol :

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Article 31.1 The Union shall participate in an area of freedom, security and justice :

- by adopting framework laws intended in particular to approximate national laws in areas listed below :

Article 31.2 Within the area of freedom, security and justice, national parliaments may participate in the evaluation mechanisms foreseen in Article [4, Part Two] of the Constitution, and shall ensure the political monitoring of Europol’s activities in accordance with Article [Article 22, Part Two] of the Constitution.

Explanation (if any) :

The Union should not be responsible for the area, but should be a facilitator of governments in establishing it.

National Parliaments must play the key role in holding Europol politically accountable.

The reference to a list (which itself is not listed here) is intended to provide for areas of competence to be set out in part one of the treaty, so that they can not be amended lightly.