

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 31

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<p><b><u>Article 31: Implementation of the area of freedom, security and justice</u></b></p> <p>1. The Union shall ensure an area of freedom, security and justice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– by adopting laws and framework laws intended in particular to approximate national laws in the areas listed in Part Two of the Constitution;</li><li>– by promoting mutual confidence between the competent authorities of the Member States, in particular on the basis of mutual recognition of judicial and extrajudicial decisions.</li><li>– by operational cooperation between all competent authorities of the Member States for internal security.</li></ul> <p>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 be involved in the political monitoring of Europol's activities in accordance with Article [Article 22, Part Two) of the Constitution.</p> <p>3. In the field of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, Member States shall have a right of initiative under the arrangements set out in Article [8, Part Two] of the Constitution.</p>	<p><b><u>Article 31: Cooperation in home affairs at a Community level</u></b></p> <p>1. <u>The Community shall retain a pillar covering cooperation in home affairs within the Community.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <u>through European Community laws and opinions where absolutely necessary but through bilateral and multilateral agreements when possible;</u></li><li>– by promoting mutual confidence between the competent authorities of the Member States <u>and other relevant international organisations;</u></li><li>– by operational cooperation between <u>national authorities</u> for internal security <u>when required.</u></li></ul> <p>2. <u>In this field</u>, national parliaments may participate in the evaluation mechanisms foreseen in Article [4, Part Two] of the Constitution.</p> <p><i>DELETE</i></p>