

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of: Subject : Title IX: The Union and its immediate environment

Article 42

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3. In developing such special relationships the Union shall make full use of the Council of Europe and other international organisations of which such States are members.

Explanation:

The possibilities of this special relationship should not be underestimated. It can be an offer for those countries which are on the way to a membership in the EU, but also to those who can or will not become members in foreseeable time. Therefore a credible alternative has to be found and joint institutions should be included. Amendment according to Article 135 of the EPP Convention group discussion paper.