

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 42: (Title IX: The Union and its immediate environment, part I of the Constitution)

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#### Article 42

1.      The Union shall **endeavour to** develop a special relationship with its neighbouring States, aiming to establish an area of prosperity and good neighbourliness characterised by close and peaceful relations based on cooperation.
  2.      ~~For this purpose, the Union may conclude and implement specific agreements with the countries concerned in accordance with of Article X on Part Two of the Constitution. These agreements may contain reciprocal rights and obligations as well as the possibility of undertaking activities jointly. Their implementation shall be the subject of periodic consultation.~~
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#### **Explanation:**

We have serious doubts whether the proposed title IX is necessary in part I of the Constitution. A more natural place for the content of Article 42 paragraph 1, taking into account its political nature, would be the beginning of the text under the title "The Union's External Action" (title B of part II of the Constitution), which would also contain the principles and objectives of external action. Furthermore, the first sentence should be rephrased so as not to sound too paternalistic; the union cannot simply decide to develop special relationships, but it can endeavour to do so.

Paragraph 2 of Article 42 will be sufficiently covered by the provisions relating to international agreements - corresponding the present articles 300 and 310 - in the title of External Relations (Chapter 5 of title B, part II of the Constitution). The substance of paragraph 2 does not create significant added value and might even give the impression of a hierarchy among the treaties the Union concludes with third countries.