

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 8:

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*Text of the Praesidium*

*Proposed Amendments*

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3. In accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, in areas which do not fall within its exclusive competence, the Union shall act only if and insofar as the objectives of the intended action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, but can rather, by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, be better achieved at Union level.
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### **Explanation:**

#### ***Para 3:***

- ***“More efficiently”** is proposed instead of “better” in order to make the principle clearer and more justifiable. See also Article 67(3) of the EPP Discussion Paper (Frascati text, as amended, 27 January 2003).*