

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 8

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1. The limits and use of Community competences are governed by the principles of conferral, subsidiarity, proportionality and cooperation.
2. In accordance with the principle of conferral, the Community shall act within the limits of the competences conferred upon it by the simplifying Treaty to attain the objectives the simplifying Treaty sets out. Competences not conferred upon the Community by the simplifying Treaty remain with the Member States.
3. In accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, in areas which do not fall within its exclusive competence, the Community shall act only if and insofar as the objectives of the intended action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, acting alone or with each other, but can rather, by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, be better achieved at Community level by unanimous agreement in each case.
4. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, the scope and form of Community action shall not exceed what is necessary to achieve the objectives of the simplifying Treaty as specified for each competence.
5. In accordance with the principle of cooperation, the Community and the Member States should, in full mutual respect, assist each other to carry out tasks which flow from the simplifying Treaty.

Explanation (if any) :