

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-65

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**Status :**    - **Member: Hjelm-Wallén and Lekberg**  
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#### Article III-65 (new)

In establishing an internal market, measures for the introduction of European instruments to provide uniform intellectual-property rights protection throughout the Union and for the setting up of centralised Union-wide authorisation, coordination and supervision arrangements shall be established in a European law or framework law. ~~The language arrangements for the instruments shall be established by a European law of the Council adopted unanimously on a proposal from the Commission. It shall act after consulting the European Parliament.~~

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#### **Explanation:**

We strongly welcome that a new specific legal basis for intellectual property is introduced. However, the maintained requirement of unanimity regarding certain aspects makes the proposal less progressive. Instead we suggest deletion of the requirement of unanimity in order to ensure that the Council should be able to decide on legislation concerning intellectual property by qualified majority. The legislative procedure should be followed.