

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article III-65 (new)

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Status : - Alternate

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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. **Accordingly, the Statute of European Companies shall be established in a European 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.

Explanation (if any) :

The presidency has proposed a new Article III-65 establishing a legal base for European instruments to provide uniform intellectual-property rights protection. Consequently, as Article 95 TEC allows for the approximation of laws, a separate article now provides for European measures concerning intellectual-property rights. However, the same situation applies for measures establishing European Companies (e.g. *Europäische Aktiengesellschaft*). Therefore, it is suggested to introduce a comparable provision for these cases.