

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Part III - Chapter III: Policies in other specific areas - Section 2 : Social Policy

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-101

By Members: Mr Andrew Duff

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#### Article III-101 (ex Article 139)

1. Should management and labour so desire, the dialogue between them at Union level may lead to contractual relations, including agreements.
2. Agreements concluded at Union level shall be implemented either in accordance with the procedures and practices specific to management and labour and the Member States or, in matters covered by [ex Article 137], at the joint request of the signatory parties, by a European decision adopted by ~~the council on a proposal from~~ the Commission. ***The agreement will not be implemented if either the Council or the European Parliament rejects it.***

Where the agreement in question contains one or more provisions relating to one of the areas referred to in [points (c), (d), (f) and (g) of Article III-99(1) (ex 137(1))], the Council shall act unanimously.

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#### Explanation:

*The decision should be adopted by the Commission subject to the normal call-back procedure. The European Parliament should have exactly the same rights as its legislative partner the Council in assessing the agreement reached by the social partners, and if necessary rejecting it.*