

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-149A (new)

Part III of the Constitutional Treaty

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Article III-149A new:

1. To promote scientific excellence and progress as a basis for social, cultural and technical progress, industrial competitiveness and the implementation of its policies, the Union shall draw up a policy for European basic research. To this end, it may promote joint initiatives or any other structure necessary to support investigator driven research at European level and to coordinate the efforts needed.

2. To contribute to attaining the objectives in paragraph 1, a European law or framework law shall establish the necessary measures, which may take the form of a European Research Council.

Explanation (if any) :

The European Council in Lisbon (2000) and in Barcelona (2001) decided to make Europe the leading knowledge based economy in the world by 2010. To realise this goal basic and investigator-driven research must be an important element in the development of the European Research Area.