

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 150, part III of the Constitution

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Article III-150 (new)

1. To promote scientific and technical progress, industrial competitiveness and the implementation of its policies, the Union shall draw up a European space policy. To this end, it may promote joint initiatives, support research and technological development and coordinate the efforts needed for the exploration and exploitation of space.
 2. To contribute to attaining the objectives referred to in paragraph 1, a European law or framework law shall establish the necessary measures, ~~which may take the form of a European space programme~~ **in support of action taken by the Member States.**
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Explanation (if any) :

We can accept a new legal base concerning space, which would enable the Union to contribute actively to the development of a more coherent European space policy. But taking into account the existing major space activities both at the national and European level, the role of the Union should be limited to supplement and support the actions taken by the Member States individually or jointly. We find it important that the Union competence in space policy is defined in a balanced manner, so as not to endanger well-functioning existing arrangements.