

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article III-152

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Article III- 152 (new): Energy policy

1. In establishing an internal market and with regard for the need to preserve and improve the environment, Union policy on energy shall aim to:

- (a) ensure the competitiveness of the Union, functioning of the energy market,
- (b) ensure security of energy supply in the Union, and
- (c) ensure the protection of the environment in the production, supply and consumption of energy, including energy efficiency and energy savings and the development of new and renewable forms of energy. ~~promote energy efficiency and saving and the development of new and renewable forms of energy.~~

(...)

4. Paragraph 1 shall be without prejudice to the national sovereignty of natural resources.

Explanation:

- 1) It seems too narrow to limit the contribution of energy policy to the functioning of the energy markets. Instead, the overall competitiveness of the European Union should be emphasised as a priority objective of energy policy.
- 2) The mentioning of only two classes of instruments seems to leave out other ways of safeguarding the environment in energy policy. The more general formulation is intended to ensure that other possibilities than the promotion of energy savings and the development of new and renewable energy sources are covered too.
- 3) The suggested new paragraph intends to lay down explicitly the competences regarding the national energy resources.