

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 152

Suggestion for Part: III

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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 functioning of the energy market,
- (b) ensure security of energy supply in the Union in times of crises, and
- (c) promote energy efficiency and saving and the development of new and renewable forms of energy.

2. The measures necessary to achieve the objectives in paragraph 1 shall be enacted in a European law or framework law. It shall be adopted after consulting the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee.

The law or framework law shall not affect a Member State's choice between different energy sources and the general structure of its energy supply. Such measures shall be adopted in accordance with Article [ex Article 175(2)(c)].

3. Within their respective spheres of competence, the Union and the member States shall cooperate with third countries and with the competent international organisations. The arrangements for community co-operation may be the subject of agreements between the Union and the third parties concerned, which shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 222.

The previous subparagraph shall be without prejudice to member states' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

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

Explanation (if any):

It should be made clear that Community policy on the security of energy supply is restricted to times of crises. Paragraph 3 should be added to avoid any misunderstanding that the member states should maintain the possibility to conclude international agreements. Paragraph 4 should be added in order to avoid any misunderstanding on the principle of national sovereignty in matters of natural resources.