

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 1

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Status :

- **Member: Hjelm-Wallén and Lekberg**
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Article 1: Definition of the area¹

The Union shall constitute an area of freedom, security and justice with respect for fundamental rights, **the concerns and interests of the citizens**,² and taking into account the different European legal traditions and systems.

It shall ensure the absence of internal border controls for persons and shall frame a common policy on asylum, immigration and external border control based on solidarity between Member States and fairness towards third-country nationals.

The Union shall ensure a high level of safety by measures to prevent and combat crime and promote coordination and cooperation between criminal police and judicial authorities and other competent authorities, as well as by the mutual recognition of judgments in criminal matters and the approximation of criminal laws.

The Union shall facilitate access to justice, in particular by the free movement of documents and judgments in civil matters based on the principle of mutual recognition.

¹ All headings for Articles in Part II should be kept in the final version as an aid for the reader.

² The concerns and interests of the citizens should be among the key principles defining the area. The fight to reduce crime and criminality are at the core of the citizens' concerns.