

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: 1 (Definition of the area)

Suggestion for protocol:

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Article 1: [Definition of the area]

The Union shall constitute an area of freedom, security and justice with respect for fundamental rights and taking into account **the principle of subsidiarity and** 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.

Explanation (if any):

The inclusion of a general reference to the principle of subsidiarity together with the respect for the different legal traditions and systems would make the text more precise. The reference to the principle of subsidiarity is of particular importance in this sensitive area.