

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 5

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Status : Members and alternate members.

Article 5: [Operational cooperation]

In order to ensure that operational cooperation on internal security is promoted and strengthened within the Union, a standing committee *shall* be set up within the Council. Without prejudice to Article [207 TEC], it shall be responsible for coordinating the action of Member States' competent authorities, including police, customs and civil protection authorities. ***The Commission shall be fully associated with the work of the committee.*** The representatives of Europol, Eurojust *and the* European Public *Prosecutor may* be involved in the proceedings of this Committee. The European Parliament, *in full association with national parliaments*, shall be kept informed *and shall monitor* the work of the committee.

Explanation:

Best to be firm about the necessity of setting up the committee.

Strangely, the Praesidium has omitted the key clause from Article 36 TEU about the role of the Commission.

The qualification about the role of the European Public Prosecutor is unwelcome: he needs at least equal standing with Eurojust and Europol.

National parliaments should be associated with the European Parliament's scrutiny of the operation of police, security and judicial cooperation.