

AMENDMENT FORM

Part II "Area of freedom, security and justice"-

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Art. 5 Operational cooperation

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In order to ensure that operational cooperation on internal security is promoted and strengthened within the Union, a standing committee may 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 regions and local authorities, ~~including~~ police, customs and civil protection authorities. The representatives of Europol, Eurojust and, where appropriate the European Public Prosecutor's Office, may be involved in the proceedings of this Committee. The European Parliament shall be kept informed of the work of the committee.

Explanation:

The operational cooperation on internal security has to take into account, next to the Member-state level, the role of local and regional authorities for obvious reasons.