

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 7 (Title Area of freedom, security and justice, Part II of the Treaty)

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#### **Article 7: [Administrative cooperation]**

The Council shall adopt by a qualified majority regulations to ensure **other than operational** cooperation between the relevant departments of the administrations of the Member States in the areas covered by this Title, as well as between those departments and the Commission. It shall act on a Commission proposal, or, in the areas covered by Chapters 3 and 4 of this Title, either on a Commission proposal or on the initiative of a quarter of the Member States and after consulting the European Parliament.

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#### **Explanation:**

Article 7 prescribes that regulations to ensure cooperation between the relevant departments of national administrations as well as between those departments and the Commission shall be adopted by qualified majority, while Article 21, paragraph 3, prescribes that laws and framework laws concerning operational cooperation between authorities responsible for internal security shall be adopted unanimously. The relation between Article 7 and Article 21, paragraph 3, is not clear. It should be clarified that Article 7 concerns non-operational cooperation.