

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of article 5

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Status : Alternate

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#### **Article 5: Operational cooperation**

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 police, **immigration**, customs and civil protection authorities. The representatives of **the relevant European bodies** ~~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.

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#### **Explanation:**

Questions regarding internal security might also involve immigration authorities, for instance regarding entry and residence for third country nationals, including issuing of visas. By including the word immigration, this is taken into account.

The proposed wording takes into account that it might prove desirable to involve other European bodies than Europol and Eurojust. Furthermore, the proposed wording does not presuppose creation of a European prosecutor (see also proposed amendment to Article 20).