

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Chapter IV, Art III-153

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AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE ¹

SECTION 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article III-153 (ex Article 1)

THE PROVISIONS IN THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE SHALL BE EXECUTED UNDER ENHANCED CO-OPERATION FOR THOSE MEMBER STATES THAT WISH TO BE INCLUDED.

1. The Union shall constitute an area of freedom, security and justice with respect for fundamental rights, taking into account the different legal traditions and systems of the Member States.
2. 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, which is fair towards third-country nationals, including stateless persons.
3. The Union shall endeavour to ensure a high level of security by measures to prevent and combat crime, racism and xenophobia, and measures for coordination and cooperation between 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.
4. The Union shall facilitate access to justice, in particular by the principle of mutual recognition of documents and judgments in civil matters.

Explanation (if any) :

¹ In this Chapter the references to ex articles relate to the articles submitted to the Convention by the Praesidium (CONV 614/03).