

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article III-154

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~~Article III-154 (ex Article 2)~~

~~The European Council shall define the strategic guidelines for legislative and operational planning within the area of freedom, security and justice.~~

Explanation (if any) :

The over-arching aim of the reform is to achieve as high a degree of clarity, simplicity and consistency as possible. Among other things, this means that any derogation from general rules and principles must always be well-founded.

As no sufficient grounds have been put forward for the introduction of a separate provision on the role of the European Council within Title IV, the proposed draft Article III-154 should be deleted.

Moreover, the role of the European Council is to define the Union's general political directions and priorities, not to interfere with legislation. This was an important aspect of the compromise on institutional questions, which was reached at the Convention on 13 June.