

AMENDMENT FORM 31

PART III: THE POLICIES AND FUNCTIONING OF THE UNION

TITLE III: POLICIES AND INTERNAL ACTIONS

CHAPTER IV: AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

SECTION 1 : GENERAL PROVISIONS

Suggestion for amendment of Article III-155

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1. Member States' national parliaments shall ensure that the proposals and legislative initiatives submitted under Sections 4 and 5 of this Chapter comply with the principle of subsidiarity, in accordance with the arrangements in the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

Member States' national parliaments **and, where they have competence in police matters by virtue of their national constitution, regional parliaments*** may participate in the evaluation mechanisms contained in Article III-156 of the Constitution and in the political monitoring of Europol's and Eurojust's activities in accordance with Articles III-169 and III-172.

Explanation:

In several Members' State, it isn't State level but regional level parliaments that have competence for police, they should therefore be involved in the political monitoring of Europol.

** As a general principle, the Committee of the Regions proposes that where national parliaments are to have a role in the implementation of the area of freedom, security and justice, then regional parliaments, where they have competence, should also be involved at an equal level.*