

AMENDMENT FORM 33

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-157

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A standing committee shall be set up in order to ensure that operational cooperation on internal security is promoted and strengthened within the Union. Without prejudice to Article [III-242], it shall facilitate coordination of the action of Member States' competent authorities **including regions and local authorities**. Representatives of the Union bodies and agencies concerned may be involved in the proceedings of this committee. The European Parliament and Member States' national parliaments shall be kept informed of the proceedings.

Explanation:

The operational cooperation on internal security has to take into account, alongside the perspective of Member States, the perspective of local and regional authorities for obvious reasons.