

## AMENDMENT FORM

### 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~~ for the purposes falling within this Chapter 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 and advise the Council on the setting of priorities for the action of the relevant EU bodies and agencies. 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.

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#### Explanation (if any) :

*This amendment avoids the ambiguity in "internal security" and gives a wider scope covering the appropriate cooperation required to achieve the objectives in this Chapter. We also feel that the committee should be involved in the setting of priorities for relevant EU bodies. This is to utilise its operational experience in order to identify high level strategic priorities in line with developing crime threats.*