

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 157

Suggestion for Part: III

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1. 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. 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.

2. A coordinating committee shall be set up consisting of senior officials in order to ensure, without prejudice to Article [III-242], the coordination of the legislative powers regarding Sections 3 and 4 of this Chapter. In addition to its coordinating role, it shall be the task of the committee to:

- give opinions for the attention of the Council, either at the Council's request or on its own initiative,
 - contribute, without prejudice to Article [III-242], to the preparation of the Council's discussions in the areas referred to in Sections 3 and 4.
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Explanation (if any):

The second paragraph is added so as to enable the Permanent Committee do deal with operational cooperation as well as non-operational issues, notably legislative matters, the latter being more in line with the present role of Committee referred to in Article 36, TEU.