

AMENDMENT FORM

Part III - Chapter IV: Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-160

By Members: Mr Andrew Duff

Article III-160 (ex Article 8)

The acts referred to in Sections 4 and 5 of this Chapter shall be adopted on a proposal from the Commission, *acting either on its own initiative or* on the initiative of a quarter of the Member States.

Explanation:

Whoever takes the political initiative, the legislative initiative must come from the Commission alone in order to ensure coherence and purposefulness as well as to avoid the minoritisation of some Member States.

The present arrangements under Pillar Three demonstrate very clearly how Member States cannot achieve the necessary quality of legislative proposal if left to their own devices.