

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-160 bis (NEW)

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Status : - Member: Hjelm-Wallén and Lekberg
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If a member of the Council declares that, for vital and stated reasons of national policy, it intends to oppose the adoption of a decision to be taken by qualified majority, a vote shall not be taken. The Council may, acting by a qualified majority, request that the matter be referred to the European Council for decision by unanimity.¹

Explanation:

The proposal has been drafted with regard to the provision in Article III-196 relating to the common foreign policy. The sensitivity of the issues in the fields of judicial cooperation in criminal matters and police cooperation requires a similar mechanism in order to enable Member States to protect their interests when vital interests of national policy are at peril.