

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 12 (1)**

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**In addition, of the preliminary, I introduce the following amendment:**

The Union shall develop a common immigration policy aimed at ensuring, at all stages, the efficient management of migration flows, fair treatment of third-country nationals residing legally in Member States **aimed at granting them rights and obligations comparable to those of EU citizens, enhance non-discrimination in economic, social and cultural life and develop measures against racism and xenophobia**, and the prevention of, and enhanced measures to combat, illegal immigration and trafficking in human beings.

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**Explanation:**

**The wording in the Presidency Conclusion of the Tampere European Council Summit goes further than the proposed text when it comes to granting similar rights and obligations to those of EU-citizens to third-country nationals. Furthermore “Tampere” is more explicit when it comes enhancing non-discrimination and developing measures against racism and xenophobia.**