

AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of: PART III OF THE CONSTITUTION:
Article III-163**

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Suggestion

Article III-163 (ex Article 12)

1. 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, and the prevention of, and enhanced measures to combat, illegal immigration and trafficking in human beings.
2. To this end, a European law or framework law shall establish measures in the following areas:
 - (a) the conditions of entry and residence, and standards on the issue by Member States of long-term visas and residence permits, including those for the purpose of family reunion;
 - (b) the definition of the rights of third-country nationals residing legally in a Member State, including the conditions governing the freedom of movement and of residence in other Member States;
 - (c) illegal immigration and unauthorised residence, including removal and repatriation of persons residing without authorisation.
3. The Union may conclude readmission agreements with third countries for the readmission of third-country nationals residing without authorisation to their countries of origin or provenance.
4. A European law or framework law may establish measures providing incentives and support for the action of Member States with a view to promoting the integration of third-country nationals residing legally in their territories, excluding any harmonisation of the laws and regulations of the Member States.

Insert new para 5:

5. This Article shall in no way prejudice the competence of Member States to establish rules of access to the labour market.
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Explanation (if any) :

Should remain within the sphere of the Member States.