

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-164

Suggestion for protocol :

By Mr Hain

Status : Member

The policies of the Union set out in this Section and their implementation shall reflect ~~be governed by~~ the principle of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility, including its financial implications, between the Member States. Whenever necessary, the acts of the Union adopted pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall contain appropriate measures, which may include financial provisions, to assist in securing a fair sharing of responsibility between Member States in line with ~~to give effect to~~ this principle.

Explanation (if any) :

The working group recommended that the principle of responsibility sharing should be enshrined in the Treaty. Our amendments fully respect this recommendation. The intention of writing the principle of solidarity into the Treaty is, however, presumably not that the European Union budget should bear the entire cost of Member States' asylum and immigration systems, or to develop a mechanism for sharing the full costs between the Member States, which would not be realistic. The Union's role is to promote solidarity. Our amendments make this clear.