

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 15

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**Status :** Members and alternate members.

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### **Article 15: [Judicial cooperation in criminal matters]**

1. Judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the Union shall be based on the principle of mutual recognition of judicial decisions and shall include the approximation of legislation in the areas referred to in Articles [16] and [17].
  2. The *Union* shall adopt laws and framework laws to:
    - establish rules and procedures for ensuring the recognition throughout the Union of all forms of judgments and judicial decisions;
    - prevent and settle conflicts of jurisdiction between Member States;
    - encourage the training of the judiciary and judicial staff;
    - facilitate all other forms of cooperation between ministries and judicial or equivalent authorities of the Member States in relation to proceedings in criminal matters and the enforcement of decisions.
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### **Explanation (if any) :**

*As Article 25 of Part One provides, the norm is that the Union passes laws according to the legislative procedure involving the Parliament and the Council. It is not necessary to spell this out every time. The repetition is irritating and lengthy.*