

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 15**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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**Status :        - Member                      - Alternate**

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2. The European Parliament and the Council, in accordance with the legislative procedure, 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, **including the European Arrest Warrant.**

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**Explanation (if any) : (See Commission's press release after Laeken:) On 6 and 7 December 2001, the ministers responsible for justice and home affairs studied a draft EU decision based on a European Commission proposal (document reference COM(2001)522 final/2). A political agreement was reached on 11 December 2001 at EU level on a European arrest warrant valid for the entire territory of the European Union, and on the surrender procedures between the member states. The European arrest warrant will come into force on 1 January 2004. The agreement carries through the European Council conclusions of October 1999, in Tampere, which state that "the formal extradition procedure should be abolished among the Member States as far as persons are concerned who are fleeing from justice after having been finally sentenced".**