

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 16

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**Status :** Members and alternate members.

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### **Article 16: [Criminal procedure]**

In order to strengthen mutual trust between the competent authorities of Member States and to guarantee the effectiveness of common tools for police and judicial cooperation, the *Union* may adopt laws and framework laws containing minimum rules concerning:

- the admissibility of evidence throughout the Union;
  - the definition of the rights of individuals in criminal procedure in compliance with fundamental rights;
  - the rights of victims of crime;
  - other specific aspects of criminal procedure, *according to the provisions of Article 16 of Part One.*
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### **Explanation:**

*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.*

*Article 16 of Part One enables the Union to act in precisely such a way in such an eventuality.*