

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of to Article 17 of Part II:

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*- in the areas of particularly serious crime with cross-border dimensions resulting from the nature or impact of the offences or of a special need to prosecute them jointly. These areas of crime are the following: terrorism, trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation of women and children, illicit drug trafficking, illicit arms trafficking, money laundering, corruption, counterfeiting of means of payment, **racist and xenophobic behaviour**, computer crime and organised crime.*

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#### **Explanation :**

The Praesidium states that the exhaustive list forms the basis “in order to make the general decision-making rules (qualified majority and co-decision) applicable in this sector”.

The prevention and combating of racism and xenophobia is a fundamental **prerequisite to obtaining an area of freedom security and justice for all. Furthermore** as stated in the Joint Action 96/443/JHA “*the perpetrators of racist offences should be prevented from moving from one country to another in order to escape criminal proceedings or avoid serving sentences and thus pursue their activities with impunity*”.