

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :19 (part 2)

Suggestion for protocol :

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N.B. ‘()’ denote text deleted ‘_____’ denotes text added

Article 19.1 Eurojust’s mission shall be to (ensure coordination) facilitate cooperation between national prosecuting authorities,(in relation to serious crime affecting two or more member States or requiring a joint prosecution) on the basis of operations conducted and information supplied by the Member States’ authorities (and by Europol).

Article 19.2 – (the initiation and coordination of) assistance in criminal prosecutions conducted by competent national authorities ;

DELETE – (appropriate supervision of Europol’s operational activities.)

- (The law referred to in the preceeding subparagraph shall also determine arrangements for involving) The European Parliament and national parliaments shall play a key monitoring role therein.

Explanation (if any) :

The initiation of criminal prosecutions goes beyond existing treaty powers, and raises important and unresolved issues of accountability and control.

Further, having a prosecuting authority supervising police activities is contrary to constitutional practice in the United Kingdom.