

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Title ...: Area of freedom, security and justice, 20

Suggestion for protocol :

By / Mr : Hain With the support of Lord Tomlinson, substitute

Status : - Member -

Article 20: European Public Prosecutor's Office]

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Explanation (if any) :

Article 20 : *We are opposed to establishing a European Public Prosecutor. Eurojust has recently started its work. We would like to see Eurojust' s role strengthened and developed, and given time to perform its functions before a judgement could be made as to whether there is a need for a separate enforcement body at EU level. Proposals for a European Public Prosecutor have never satisfactorily addressed a series of objections. First, any body which would have the power to bring prosecutions in a Member State must in some way be accountable within that Member State. Secondly, the powers which would be vested in a European Public Prosecutor's Office are not compatible with respect for the diversity of legal systems, a principle set out in Article 1.*