

AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of: PART III OF THE CONSTITUTION:
Article III-170**

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Suggestion

Article III-170 (ex Article 20)

1. In order to combat serious crime having a cross-border dimension, as well as illegal activities affecting the interests of the Union, a European law ~~of the Council~~ may establish a European Public Prosecutor's Office from Eurojust. ~~The Council shall acting unanimously after approval by the European Parliament.~~
2. The European Public Prosecutor's Office shall be responsible for investigating, prosecuting and bringing to judgment, where appropriate in liaison with Europol, the perpetrators of and accomplices in ~~serious crimes affecting more than one Member State and of offences against the~~ Union's financial interests, as determined by the European law provided for in paragraph 1. It shall exercise the functions of prosecutor in the competent courts of the Member States in relation to such offences.
3. The European law referred to in paragraph 1 shall determine the general rules applicable to the European Public Prosecutor's Office, the conditions governing the performance of its functions, the rules of procedure applicable to its activities, as well as those governing the admissibility of evidence, and the rules applicable to the judicial review of procedural measures taken by it in the performance of its functions.

Explanation (if any) :

There is a need for a European Prosecutor, therefore the Union institutions should legislate according to the general legislative procedure. The responsibility of the Prosecutor's office should encompass the protection of financial interests of the Union. A general responsibility of all serious crimes affecting several Member States would too much extent responsibilities in the current state of cooperation in criminal matters.