

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 17

Suggestion for protocol :

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Article 17: Substantive criminal law

The European Parliament and the Council, in accordance with the legislative procedure, **the Council however acting unanimously**, may adopt **European** framework laws containing minimum rules concerning the definition of incriminations and sanctions:

- 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 **in particular** of women and children, illicit drug trafficking, illicit arms trafficking, money laundering, corruption, counterfeiting of means of payment, computer crime and organised crime. The Council, on the basis of developments in crime and acting unanimously after obtaining the assent of the European Parliament, may identify other areas of crime that meet the criteria specified in this indent;
- in areas of crime affecting a common interest which is the subject of a Union policy, if criminal sanctions prove essential to ensure the effective implementation of that policy.

Explanation (if any) :

As the field of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters has been dealt with, up to now, in an intergovernmental institutional setting it seems a step too far to foresee majority voting now.

Sexual exploitation should not refer exhaustively to particular groups by therefore excluding other groups.