

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :21 (part 2)

Suggestion for protocol :

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Article 21.1 The Union (shall establish) may facilitate cooperation involving all the Member States’ authorities with responsibility for internal security, including police, customs and other specialised services in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of criminal offences.

Article 21.2 To this end, the European Parliament and the Council, (shall) may adopt (laws and) framework laws concerning :

- the collection, storage, processing, analysis and exchange of relevant criminal information ;
- other measures that the Council may agree to by unanimity

21 (4). The measures established under these articles do not prevent member states from maintaining or negotiating agreements with third parties, except in so far as such are explicitly covered by existing legislation.

Explanation (if any) :

A number of useful bilateral agreements already exist between member states and third countries, for instance involving visas, extradition, and especially intelligence sharing. Member states should be free to maintain or expand on these, providing they do not clash with joint initiatives.