

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Part Two, Article 22:

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Proposed Amendments

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change of information forwarded by the authorities of the Member States or third countries or bodies;

– the coordination, organisation and implementation of investigative and operational actions carried out jointly with the Member States' services or in the context of joint investigative teams.

The law referred to in the previous paragraph also lays down the procedures for scrutiny of Europol's activities by the European Parliament, together with the national parliaments.

3. Any operational action by Europol must be carried out in liaison with and in agreement with the services of the Member State(s) whose territory is concerned. The application of coercive measures is the exclusive responsibility of the competent national authorities.

Explanation

Para 2

Procedure for involvement of national Parliaments has to be determined . Formulation gives more-flexibility for that.