

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Part Two Article 22

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<p><u>Article 22: [Europol]</u></p> <p>1. Europol's mission is to support and strengthen action by the Member States' police authorities and their mutual cooperation in preventing and combating serious crime affecting two or more Member States, terrorism and forms of crime which affect a common interest covered by a Union policy.</p> <p>2. The European Parliament and the Council, in accordance with the legislative procedure, shall determine Europol's structure, operation, field of action and tasks. These tasks may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– the collection, storage, processing, analysis and exchange 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>Article 22: [Joint Investigation Teams]</u></p> <p><i>The European Community shall encourage the creation of ad hoc Joint Investigation Teams consisting of police officers from two or more Member States working on a bilateral or multilateral basis to investigate cross-border crimes.</i></p> <p>Explanation: Police cooperation should be encourage but this should not be a Community competence. Cross-border crime increasingly involves criminals from across the world, therefore Interpol is the best mechanism for cooperation.</p>

