

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 23

Suggestion for protocol :

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A new Article 23 should be inserted and the current Article 23 should be renumbered Article 24.

Article 23: European border guard unit

In order to ensure the effective management of external borders, including coastal borders, which is a matter of shared interest and responsibility, a European border guard unit shall be created.

Explanation (if any) : Such a provision would serve as the legal basis by which further measures, for example common training, exchange of information and financial solidarity could be taken. See also COM (2001) 672 final, which also deals with this issue.

See explanation given at the amendment to Article 5:

WG X Final Report (CONV 426/02, p. 6, # 4): “The Group recognizes that in an area without internal border controls, the effective management of external borders – including coastal borders – is a matter of shared interest and responsibility. The Seville European Council welcomed the objective of the gradual development of an integrated system of external border management.”

(p. 17, # 2): “This provision could serve as the legal base for the adoption of measures such as promoting co-operation, training, and exchange of information and financial solidarity.”