

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-174, paragraph 1

Part III of the Constitutional Treaty

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<p>1. A high level of human health protection shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all the Union's policies and activities.</p> <p>Action by the Union, which shall complement national policies, shall be directed towards improving public health, preventing human illness and diseases, and obviating sources of danger to human health. Such action shall cover the fight against the major health scourges, by promoting research into their causes, their transmission and their prevention, as well as health information and education.</p> <p>The Union shall complement the Member States' action in reducing drugs-related health damage, including information and prevention.</p>	<p>1. A high level of human health protection shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all the Union's policies and activities.</p> <p>Action by the Union, which shall complement national policies, shall be directed towards improving public health, preventing human illness and diseases, and obviating sources of danger to human health. Such action shall cover the fight against the major health scourges, <i>including inter personal violence and in particular violence against women</i>, by promoting research into their causes, their transmission and their prevention, as well as health information and education.</p> <p>The Union shall complement the Member States' action in reducing drugs-related health damage, including information and prevention.</p>

Explanation (if any) :

Violence is a leading worldwide public health problem. The prevention of violence is a prerequisite of human security and dignity. EU action is urgently needed to prevent all forms of violence, in particular violence against women, in order to protect women's human rights, and to reduce the consequences for the health of women, men and children, and for socio-economic development.