

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-175

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SECTION 2 **ENTERPRISES INDUSTRY** Article III-175 (ex Article 157)

1. The Union and the Member States shall ensure that the conditions necessary for the competitiveness of the Union's **enterprises industry** exist.

For that purpose, in accordance with a system of open and competitive markets, their action shall be aimed at:

- (a) speeding up the adjustment of **enterprises industry** to structural changes;
 - (b) encouraging an environment favourable to initiative and to the development of undertakings throughout the Union, particularly small and medium-sized **enterprises undertakings**;
 - (c) encouraging an environment favourable to cooperation between **enterprises undertakings**;
 - (d) fostering better exploitation of the **enterprises' industrial potential of policies** of innovation, research and technological development.
2. The Member States shall consult each other in liaison with the Commission and, where necessary, shall coordinate their action. The Commission may take **any** useful initiatives to promote such coordination.
 3. The Union shall contribute to the achievement of the objectives set out in paragraph 1 through the policies and activities it pursues under other provisions of the Constitution. A European law or framework law may establish specific measures in support of action taken in the Member States to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 1. It shall be adopted after consultation of the Economic and Social Committee.

This Section shall not provide a basis for the introduction by the Union of any measure which could lead to distortion of competition or contains tax provisions or provisions relating to the rights and interests of employed persons.