

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-177 (ex 149)

By Mr Hain

Status : Member

1. The Union shall contribute to the development of quality education, and to the development of sport, by encouraging cooperation between Member States and, if necessary, by supporting and supplementing their action.

~~If The Union~~ shall fully respect the responsibility of the Member States for

- ~~the content of teaching and~~
- the organisation of education systems and their cultural and linguistic diversity; and sports policy and organisation. The role of sporting organisations in organising sport shall also be fully respected.

~~The Union shall contribute to the promotion of European sporting issues, given the social and educational function of sport. The specific characteristics of sport and its social function in Europe shall be taken into account in the formulation and implementation of the Union's policies and activities.~~

2 (a-f) OK

- (g) ~~developing the European dimension in sport, by promoting fairness in competitions and cooperation between sporting bodies and by protecting the physical and moral integrity of sportsmen and sportswomen, especially young sportsmen and sportswomen. Promoting the training capability of sporting organisations and protecting sportsmen and women, especially young sportsmen and women, with regard to their training and welfare.~~

3. OK

4. OK.

Explanation (if any) :

We would strongly prefer to see a separate sport article incorporating the elements set out above. However, we could accept placing the sport competence in article III-177 with the changes indicated.

Sport should have the same status as education in paragraph 1, which clearly states that the Union shall respect MS roles & responsibilities for education. The revised text would clarify the current draft on the specific aspects of sport where a Union contribution is needed. The revised text also recognises the important role of sports federations, which is not covered in the current draft.

The revised text is clearer and simpler and reflects the key elements of the Nice declaration on sport, which the current draft does not.