

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III - 179

Suggestion for protocol :

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1. The Union shall encourage cooperation between Member States in order to improve the effectiveness of systems for preventing and ~~protecting against~~ **responding to** natural or man-made disasters ~~within the Union~~.

Union action shall aim to:

- (a) support and implement Member States' action at national, regional and local level in risk prevention, in preparing their civil-protection personnel and in responding to natural or man-made disasters;
- (b) promote swift, effective operational cooperation between national civil-protection services;
- (c) promote consistency in international civil-protection work.

2. The measures necessary to help achieve the objectives referred to in paragraph 1 shall be enacted in a European law or framework law.

Explanation (if any) : There is existing provision, under the existing Civil Protection Community Mechanism and also in the context of EU crisis management capabilities, for action outside the territory of the Union in the area of civil protection which encompasses both prevention and response to natural or man-made disasters.

This amendment is without prejudice to my continuing view that Article I – 42 (solidarity clause) should not include provision for deployment of military means outside the territory of the Union.