

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 2

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Article 2

1. On the basis of the principles and objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title, the European Council shall identify the strategic interests and objectives of the Union. European Council decisions on the strategic interests and objectives of the Union may relate to foreign policy ~~and to other areas of the external action of the Union. Such~~ **while decisions on the Common Commercial policy, the Development Co-operation, Co-operation with third countries and the Humanitarian Aid policy shall require the participation of the European Parliament in accordance with the legislative procedure.** European Council's decisions may concern the relations of the Union with a specific country or region or may be thematic in approach. They shall define their duration, and the means to be made available by the Union and the Member States. The European Council shall act unanimously on a proposal from the Council. The Council proposal shall be adopted by the Council by a qualified majority on the basis of recommendations by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (for matters relating to the common foreign and security policy), by the Commission (for other areas of external action), or by both together. The decisions of the European Council shall be implemented by the Council in accordance with the procedures provided for in the Constitution.

Explanation (if any):

Development co-operation and the common commercial policy have always been in the first pillar of the European Union. Allowing the European Council to take the decisions in those fields without using the legislative procedure, would be one of the biggest attack to the *acquis communautaire*.

The European Union prides itself of the success of its development policy and its commercial policy. Loosing the community method on those aspects would considerably change the nature of the EU, and its ability to play a bigger and responsible role in the world. Moreover it would make clearer the fact that the implementation of those policies would be done by the European Commission. It seems therefore useful to be precise in this article that the decisions taken by the European Council would not concern those policies.