

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 2

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Status : Alternate

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#### Article 2.1

Presidium Text	New Proposed Text
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 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.	European Council decisions on the strategic interests and objectives of the Union may relate to foreign policy [delete:] <b>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.</b> 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.

#### Explanatory Note

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 (new name of the co-decision procedure), would be one of

the biggest attack to the *aquis communautaire*. The European Union prides itself of the success of its development policy and its commercial policy. Losing 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.