

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III - 201

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Member

1. Member States shall coordinate their action in international organisations and at international conferences. They shall uphold the Union's positions in such fora. The Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs shall organise this coordination.

In international organisations and at international conferences where not all the Member States participate, those which do take part shall uphold the Union's positions.

2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1 and Article III - 193(3) of this Title, Member States represented in international organisations or international conferences where not all the Member States participate shall keep the latter, as well as the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, informed of any matter of common interest.

Member States which are also members of the United Nations Security Council shall concert and keep the other Member States and the Minister for Foreign Affairs fully informed. Member States which are members of the Security Council will, in the execution of their functions, defend the positions and the interests of the Union, without prejudice to their responsibilities under the provisions of the United Nations Charter.

When the Union has defined a position on a subject which is on the United Nations Security Council agenda, those Member States which sit on the Security Council shall request that the Minister for Foreign Affairs be asked to present the Union's position.

3. **In situations where it is not possible or practical for the Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs to deliver the Union's position in an international organisations or body or at an international conference, the Union's position shall be presented by a Member State which is a member of that international organisation or body, or represented at that international conference, according to a system of rotation drawn up for this purpose by the Member States which are member of that international organisation or body, or represented at that international conference.**

Explanation (if any) : It will not be possible or practical for the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs to present the Union position in all international organisations, bodies or conferences. An alternative arrangement is proposed to take account of such circumstances.