

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 14

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Status : Members and alternate members.

Article 14

1. *The Union* shall coordinate *its* action in international organisations and at international conferences. *The Union shall be represented by the Commission* and uphold *its* positions in such fora. *In the area of common foreign and security policy, the Union will be represented by the [Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union].*

In international organisations *of which the Union is not a member*, and at international conferences *where the Union is not represented, participating Member States* shall uphold the Union's positions. *They shall ensure that the Commission, or the [Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union] in areas of the common foreign and security policy, can express the Union's position.*

2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1 and Article 6(3) of this Title, Member States represented in international organisations or international conferences *where neither the Union nor* all the Member States participate shall keep *the Commission, [Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union] and non-participating Member States* informed of any matter of common interest.

Member States which are also members of the United Nations Security Council will concert and keep the *Union and the* other Member States fully informed. Member States which are members of the Security Council will, in the execution of their functions, *act jointly in order to* 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 of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union*] be asked to present the Union's position.

Explanation:

The Commission, and in the area of CFSP, the Secretary of the Union should be the only interlocutors at the international level representing the Union.

It is equally important for member states to represent the common positions when the Commission is not able to do so itself.

Furthermore, when common positions have been found and are the subject of debate within the UN Security Council, participating member states should be under an obligation to both defend and promote them.