

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 14

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Article 14

1. Member States *[shall]* **may** coordinate their action in international organisations and at international conferences. They *[shall]* **may** uphold the Union's positions in such fora. *[Delete : 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 **where previously adopted.**

2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1 and Article 6(3) of this Title, Member States represented in international organisations or international conferences where not all the Member States participate shall keep the latter informed of any matter of common interest, **subject to working practises on restricted information.**

Member States which are also members of the United Nations Security Council will concert and keep the other Member States fully informed. Member States which are members of the *[Security Council]* **United Nations** will, *[in the execution of their functions]* **in a matter of joint action as determined by EU Council unanimity**, defend the positions and the interests of *[the Union]* **fellow EU members**, without prejudice to their responsibilities under the provisions of the United Nations Charter.

[Delete : 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.]

Explanation (if any) : The change in tense removes any obligation and renders the article permissive. The second section of 14.1 is modified so that Member States are required to support only duly-formulated and voted-on Union positions.

With respect to 14.2, the first paragraph is amended so that there is no obligation for EU member states to provide other member states with documents from an organisation or association of which they are a member, where those texts carry protective markings (« NATO Secret » etc). The second paragraph opens up the cooperation within the UN to all of its component organisations, while keeping such cooperation voluntary. The third paragraph is deleted, as it would grant the EU equivalence to statehood (only states can accede to the UN) and would further remove independent action and silence national voices.