

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 15**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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Article 15

The diplomatic and consular missions of the Member States and the *[Delete : Union delegations]* **Commission offices** in third countries and international conferences, and their representations to international organisations, shall cooperate in ensuring that the decisions relating to Union positions and actions adopted by the Council are complied with and implemented. They shall step up cooperation by exchanging information and carrying out joint assessments, **subject to standard operating procedures regarding the transfer and disclosure of protectively-marked material.**

They shall contribute to the implementation of the provisions referred to in Article 7(2) of Part One of the Constitution on the protection of European citizens in the territory of a third country. Member States shall establish the necessary rules among themselves and start the international negotiations required to secure this protection.

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**Explanation (if any) : The amendment to « Commission offices » removes all ambiguity that the Commission has « embassies ».**

**The additional text underlines that such cooperation shall not breach agreements made with third parties with respect to the disclosure of caveated documents.**