

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 3

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CHAPTER 1:COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY

A. *Common foreign policy*

Article 3

1. In the context of the principles and objectives of its external action as set out in Article 1 of this Title, the Union shall define and implement its common foreign and security policy.
2. The Member States shall support the Union's *common* policy actively and unreservedly in a spirit of loyalty and mutual solidarity.

The Member States shall work together to enhance and develop their mutual political solidarity. They shall refrain from any action which is contrary to the interests of the Union or likely to impair its effectiveness as a cohesive force in international relations.

The Council and the [*Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union*] shall ensure that these principles are complied with.

3. The Union shall conduct the common foreign and security policy by:

– defining the principles and general guidelines,

– adopting decisions on:

- actions of the Union,

- positions of the Union,

– strengthening systematic cooperation between Member States in the conduct of policy.

Explanation:

We prefer the title Secretary of the Union as being less confusing with the traditional nomenclature of national ministers of foreign affairs.