

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 3**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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### *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 a common foreign and security policy covering all areas of foreign and security policy.
2. The Member States shall support the Union's ~~external~~ foreign and security 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 for Foreign Affairs~~ 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 or positions and their implementation.
    - ~~—actions of the Union,~~
    - ~~—positions of the Union,~~
  - strengthening systematic cooperation between Member States in the conduct of policy.

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**Explanation (if any) :**

Explanation 3(2): Inclusion of the Minister for Foreign Affairs presupposes that the Minister chairs the Council formation responsible for External Affairs. This task belongs to the rotating Presidency.

Explanation 3(3): As proposed by WG IX on Simplification, there should be a possibility to adopt implementing acts (CONV 424/02, page 6).