

AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of: PART III OF THE CONSTITUTION:
Article III-208**

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Suggestion

Article III-208 (ex Article 20)

The Member States listed in Protocol X annexed to the Constitution, which fulfil high military capability criteria and wish to enter into more binding commitments in this matter with a view to more demanding tasks, hereby establish structured cooperation between themselves within the meaning of [Article 32(6) of Part One] of the Constitution. ***The provisions of Articles I-43, III-319 to 325 of the Constitution shall apply.*** The military capability criteria and commitments which those Member States have defined are set out in that Protocol.

1. If a Member State wishes to participate in such cooperation at a later stage, and thus subscribe to the obligations it imposes, it shall inform the ~~European~~ Council of its intention. The Council shall deliberate at the request of the Member State in question but only the Member States taking part in structured cooperation shall decide on the request.
 2. Only Member States taking part in such cooperation shall adopt decisions relating to matters covered by it. The Minister for Foreign Affairs shall attend the deliberations. Other Member States shall be duly and regularly informed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of developments in cooperation.
 3. The Council may ask the Member States participating in such cooperation to carry out at Union level a task referred to in [Article 17] of this Title.
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Explanation (if any) :

Defence matters should not be excluded from enhanced cooperation (e. g. necessity of involvement of Commission and European Parliament).

Article III-318 is therefore to be deleted.