

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment to Article III-208

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#### *Article III-208*

The Member States listed in Protocol X annexed to the Constitution, which fulfil high military capability criteria **including those in specific areas** 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 30(6) of Part One] of the Constitution. The military capability criteria and commitments ~~which those Member States have defined~~ are set out in that Protocol.

1. **Such a cooperation shall be open to all Member States that are willing to subscribe to the obligation it imposes. The Member States participating in such cooperation shall ensure that as many Member States as possible are encouraged to take part.**
- 2.4. If a Member State wishes to participate in such cooperation at a later stage, ~~and thus subscribe to the obligations it imposes, it shall~~ **notify its intention to 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.
- 3.2. **Without prejudice to paragraph 3, 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.
- 4.3. **Expenditure resulting from implementation of structured cooperation shall be borne by the participating Member States.** ~~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.~~

#### Explanation (if any) :

It should be clear that the structured cooperation is open to all interested Member States. The aim should be that as many Member States as possible take part in any structured cooperation.