

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Part III, Title V, Article 209 (ex Art. 21)

Suggestion for protocol :

By Ms / Mr : Hain

Status : - Member - ~~Alternate~~

Delete.

Explanation (if any) :

The UK has made clear that it cannot accept a provision importing a mutual defence commitment in the European Union. We support what the European Council at Nice stated: "NATO remains the basis for the collective defence of its members". Therefore the EU, most of whose members are NATO allies, cannot duplicate this role, either as a whole or through reinforced cooperation.