

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 17

Suggestion for PART TWO – CHAPTER 1: COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY

POLICY , B. The common security and defence policy

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Status : -Alternate

CHAPTER 1: COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY

B. The common security and defence policy

Article 17

The tasks referred to in Article 30(1) of Part One of the Constitution, in the course of which the Union may deploy military and civilian means, shall include joint disarmament operations, humanitarian and rescue tasks, military advice and assistance tasks, conflict prevention and peace-keeping tasks, tasks of combat forces in crisis management, including peacemaking, support action in combating terrorism at the request of a third country, and post-conflict stabilisation.

1. The Council, acting unanimously, shall adopt decisions relating to the tasks referred to in this Article, defining their objectives and scope and the general conditions for their implementation *after consulting the European Parliament*. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, acting under the authority of the Council and in close and constant contact with the Political and Security Committee, shall ensure coordination of the civilian and military aspects of such tasks.
 - 2 **The Minister for Foreign Affairs will be assisted by a Deputy Minister responsible for Security and Defence matters who will keep the EP regularly informed on the development of the Union's Security and Defence Policy. He will consult the European Parliament on any military or civil operations within the scope of the tasks described in paragraph 1 of this article.**
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Explanation (if any): Such a formulation would allow both a better formulation and follow - up of the Union's Security and Defence Policy and an enhanced democratic control of this emerging European policy by the EP