

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 17

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Status : Members and alternate members.

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 *peace-enforcement*, 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. *The European Parliament shall be informed of all decisions. The [Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union],* 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.

Explanation:

We update the term 'peace-making' to 'peace enforcement' to take into account the problematical developments in this area over the last years.

The European Parliament must be informed of all decisions in this very sensitive field.

We prefer the title Secretary of the Union as being less confusing with the traditional nomenclature of national ministers of foreign affairs.