

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 17**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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### ***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, **small-scale** military advice and **logistical and administrative** assistance tasks, conflict prevention and peace-keeping tasks, tasks of combat forces in crisis management, including *[Delete: 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. 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.

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(Explanation)    The original draft allows for far more military intervention than appears to be the case at first sight. In particular, US involvement in Vietnam and that of the Soviets in Afghanistan came under the banner of “military advice”. At the same time, peacemaking is warfare by another name. The language of actions legitimised in the name of the “Union” needs serious reconsideration.