

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Title B - Part II

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 20

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**Status :        Members and alternate members.**

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#### *Article 20*

1. The Member States listed in Declaration X annexed to the Constitution, which fulfil high military capability criteria 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 Declaration.
2. If a Member State wishes to participate in such cooperation at a later stage, and thus subscribe to the obligations it imposes, it shall inform the European Council of its intention. The restricted Council on structured cooperation shall decide on the Member State's request.
3. Only Member States taking part in such cooperation shall adopt decisions relating to matters covered by it. *The [Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union]* shall attend the deliberations. Other Member States, *and the European Parliament*, shall be duly and regularly informed by the *[Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary of the Union]* of developments in cooperation.

4. 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.

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**Explanation:**

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

*We also include the right of information by the European Parliament.*