

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 20, II part

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Status : - Alternate

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1. The Member States *[delete 8 words]* which *[delete 6 words]* wish to *[delete 16 words]* establish structured cooperation between themselves within the meaning of Article 30(6) of Part One of the Constitution *shall address a request to the Council to the effect. Authorisation shall be granted by the Council, acting by a qualified majority and in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 9 (2) of this Title and in compliance with [Articles XX to XY].*

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.*[Delete 13 words]*.

3. Only Member States taking part in such cooperation shall adopt decisions relating to *the development of military capability criteria [delete 4 words]*. The Minister for Foreign Affairs shall attend the deliberations. Other Member States shall be duly and regularly informed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of developments in cooperation.

4. *[Delete 26 words] Structured cooperation in the area referred to in this article shall be aimed at safeguarding the values and serving the interests of the Union as a whole by asserting its identity as a coherent force on the international scene. It shall respect the principles, objectives and general guidelines and consistency of the common foreign and security policy and the decisions taken within the framework of that policy.*

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### Explanation (if any) :

The proposed structured cooperation on military capabilities as well as their deployment gives rise

to fundamental questions and may risk dividing the Member States.

There may be a need to accommodate the Member States who wish to further the development of enhanced military capabilities in Europe by means of a structured cooperation. However, the structured cooperation on military capabilities shall serve the interests of the Union as a whole.