

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 20**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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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 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. ~~— 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 (if any) :**

Explanation: We propose the deletion of the Article. As stated in the comments for Article 30(6) of Part I Title V, this approach would lead to an institutionalised division of the Union's foreign and

security policy excluding equal right of participation of the Member States. The proposed Euro-zone approach would simply not apply in this way in the field of security policy and crisis management activities. Nothing would be achieved operationally, either, since the Union can already at present carry out operations with the participation of a smaller group of Member States. Both the ESDP structures and the participation in operations should always be kept open to all Member States, and supported by the whole Union. Smaller groups of Member States could instead develop capabilities together. More developed mechanisms could be foreseen for this purpose.