

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III - 210

Suggestion for protocol :

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1. Administrative expenditure which the provisions relating to the areas referred to in this Title entail for the institutions shall be charged to the Union budget.
2. Operating expenditure to which the implementation of those provisions gives rise shall also be charged to the Union budget, except for such expenditure arising from operations having military or defence implications and cases where the Council acting unanimously decides otherwise.

In cases where expenditure is not charged to the Union's budget it shall be charged to the Member States in accordance with the gross national product scale, unless the Council acting unanimously decides otherwise. As for expenditure arising from operations having military or defence implications, Member States whose representatives in the Council have made a formal declaration under Article III - 196(1), second subparagraph, shall not be obliged to contribute to the financing thereof.

3. A European decision of the Council, **adopted by unanimity**, shall establish the specific procedures for guaranteeing rapid access to appropriations in the Union budget for urgent financing of initiatives in the framework of the common foreign and security policy, and in particular preparatory activities for tasks as referred to in by Article I - 40(1).

Preparatory activities for tasks as referred to in Article I - 40(1) which are not charged to the Union budget shall be financed by a start-up fund made up of

Member States' contributions.

The Council shall adopt by ~~a qualified majority~~ **unanimity** on a proposal from the Minister for Foreign Affairs ~~European decisions establishing~~ the procedures for the establishment, financing and operation of the fund.

– ~~the procedures for setting up and financing the fund, in particular the amounts allocated to the fund and the procedures for reimbursement;~~

~~the procedures for administering the fund;~~

~~the financial control procedures.~~

When it is planning a task as referred to in Article I - 40(1) which cannot be charged to the Union's budget, the Council shall authorise the Minister for Foreign Affairs to use the fund **in accordance with financial control procedures to be established by the Council**. The Minister for Foreign Affairs shall report to the Council on the implementation of the remit.

Explanation (if any) : The procedures for guaranteeing rapid access to appropriations from the proposed Union budgetary heading, and the procedures for the establishment, financing and operation of the proposed fund, should be taken by the Council by unanimity. The detail of the establishment, financing and operation of the proposed fund should be left to the Council and need not be elaborated here. It is understood that the procedures for agreeing and operating the Union budget will be set out elsewhere in Part III.