

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 22

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Status : Members and alternate members.

C. Financial provisions

Article 22

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 9(1), second subparagraph, shall not be obliged to contribute to the financing thereof.

3. A Union budgetary heading shall be created for urgent financing of initiatives in the framework of the common foreign and security policy, in particular preparatory activities for tasks as referred to in by Article 30(1) of Part One of the Constitution. Specific procedures shall be put in place to guarantee rapid access to appropriations entered under this heading and their effective use within the deadlines imposed by the situations concerned.

Preparatory activities for tasks as referred to in Article 30(1) of Part One of the Constitution which are not charged to the Union budget shall be financed by a start-up fund made up of Member States' contributions.

The Council, *after having consulted the European Parliament*, shall adopt by a qualified majority on a proposal from the *Secretary of the Union*:

- 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 30(1) of Part One of the Constitution which cannot be charged to the Union's budget, the Council shall authorise the *Secretary of the Union* to use the fund. The *Secretary of the Union* shall report to the Council on the implementation of the remit.

The European Parliament, along with national parliaments, shall be kept regularly informed.

Explanation:

The European Parliament should be consulted on the adoption of rules governing the use of this start-up fund.

It should also have, along with national parliament, the right of oversight in the use of the funds.