

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 22**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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### *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 shall adopt by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Minister for Foreign Affairs:~~

~~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 Minister for Foreign Affairs to use the fund. The Minister for Foreign Affairs shall report to the Council on the implementation of the remit.~~

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### **Explanation (if any) :**

Explanation 22(3): We propose the deletion of Paragraph 3. The fund would create an exception to the principle of unity of the Union's budget. The respect of the unity is important for the functioning of the financial system and also from the institutional point of view.

General comment: The clarity of the Constitution requires that all the financial and budgetary provisions be treated in a single context under the relevant Title.