

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-212

Suggestion for protocol : Addition of § 6

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Article

To Art. III-212, the following § 6 should be added:

“The negotiation and conclusion of international agreements in the field of transport shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Title V and Article [III-222].”

Explanation (if any):

Art. 133 § 6 subparagraph 3 of the Treaty Establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty of Nice, clearly stated the independence of the transport sector as far as the negotiation and conclusion of international agreements are concerned, whereas in the present draft of the Constitution there is no reference at all to such an exception for the transport sector, especially not as far as the transport of goods is concerned.

Consequently, according to the version presented by the Presidium, the negotiation and conclusion of international agreements in the transport sector would become a matter falling under the Common Commercial Policy and therefore, in the end, under the regime of the WTO.

It is obvious, that this would be fatal to the efforts currently undertaken by all the institutions of the European Union in the field of road transport of goods to find an interim solution for the Austrian Ecopoint System and, even more so, to elaborate a new EUROVIGNETTE-directive respecting the principles of the common market and of environmental protection, as prescribed by Art. III-2 of the present constitution.