

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article 24

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The paragraph 3 should be modified as follows:

3. Where agreements with one or more States or international organisations need to be negotiated, the relevant provisions of Article 33 of this Title shall apply. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Council, which, **after having consulted the European Parliament**, shall authorise the Commission to open the necessary negotiations. The Council and the Commission shall be responsible for ensuring that the agreements negotiated are compatible with internal Union policies and rules.

The Commission shall conduct these negotiations in consultation with a special committee appointed by the Council to assist the Commission in this task and within the framework of such directives as the Council may issue to it. The Commission shall report regularly to the special committee on the progress of negotiations.

The paragraph 4 should be deleted

4. **Delete**

Explanation:

1. The European Parliament should be consulted before any negotiations begin.

2. Maintaining a derogation to QMV on the negotiation and conclusion of agreements in the field of trade, in services involving the movement of persons and the commercial aspects of intellectual property is not justified and it would be against the recommendations of the WG VII.