

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Part III, Title V, Article 214 (ex Art. 26)**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Ms / Mr : Hain**

**Status :        - Member                      - ~~Alternate~~**

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1. *Okay*
2. *Okay*
3. *Okay*

3bis: This Article shall not affect cooperation with the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.

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

*3bis. The Maastricht article referring to ACP countries has been removed and should be re-inserted as an additional para 4. From a legal point of view, removal of this para does not lead to budgetisation of the EDF but it has been associated with a positive political signal in that direction.*

*We do not think this is an appropriate stage to decide on possible budgetisation, before it has been further analysed and discussed with all concerned parties.*

*We need to ensure that the effectiveness and poverty focus of all EC spending is increased and funds are not diverted from the low-income countries in the ACP, before the EDF is budgetised.*