

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 26

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Article 26

1. The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws and European framework laws necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.
2. The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.

The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

3. The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.
4. ***Delete***

Explanation:

A large consensus within the Convention supports the integration of the EDF into the Union budget, therefore making it unnecessary for a separate mention of the ACP-EC Convention.