

AMENDMENT FORM

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.~~¹
2. The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international **and regional organisations** ²any 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. This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.

¹ I suggest that the last part of the sentence be deleted since it would otherwise limit the forms of cooperation programmes.

² Add "and regional" organisations, unless it is covered by "international".