

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 26**

**Suggestion for PART TWO – CHAPTER 3: COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES  
AND HUMANITARIAN AID, I. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**

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### **CHAPTER 3: COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND HUMANITARIAN AID**

#### **I.    DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**

##### **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.    This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention. **However, the European Development Fund (EDF) will be integrated into the Union's budget and subject to the same rules of procedure than those applicable to any other area of Community financial assistance.**

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**Explanation (if any):** Even if recognising the particularity of the existing cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention, there is no reason anymore to continue giving a differentiated financial treatment to the Union's cooperation policy towards this area. This is a demand that corresponds to the broad support expressed within Working Party VII on this issue.