

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 27

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Article 27

1. The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their policies on development cooperation and *work towards the introduction of harmonised procedures and agreed strategies*. They shall consult each other on their aid programmes, including in international organisations and during international conferences, in order to promote the complementarity and efficiency of their action. They may undertake joint action. Member States shall contribute if necessary to the implementation of Community aid programmes.
 2. The Commission may take any useful initiative to promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1.
 3. Within their respective spheres of competence, the Union and the Member States shall cooperate with the competent international organisations and third countries, *on the basis of equal partnership*.
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Explanation:

We have introduced the requirement for greater coherence and consistency in the

framing of development policies between the Union and Member States.

We also introduce the concept of partnership between the Union and the third countries.