

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 27

Suggestion for protocol :

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Article 27

1. The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their policies on development cooperation and 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]* **may** 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 third countries and the competent international organisations.
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Explanation (if any) : The amendment removes the obligation on Member States to tie their aid activities to a possible EU lead