

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

### **Title B - Part II**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 27 a - new subparagraph**

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**The Union's Development Co-operation policy shall be based on the principle of partnership exercised on the fundamental principles of equality of the partners; ownership of the development strategies by the countries and populations concerned; and participation in order to encourage integration of all sections in society, including civil society organisations.**

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**Explanation (if any) :**

Article on partnership with governments and participation of civil society is already present in Cotonou Partnership Agreement, article 2, on fundamental principles. Involvement of non-state actors is an important aspect of EC development co-operation as set out in the Communication on Non-State-Actors. (COM(2002)598)