

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 32**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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### **Article 32**

1. *[Delete: The Union]* **Member States** may commit *[itself]* **themselves** through agreements concluded with one or more third countries or international organisations in cases where the provisions of the Constitution provide for the conclusion of such agreements.

2. The Union may conclude association agreements with one or more third countries or international organisations. Such agreements shall establish an association with one or more third countries or international organisations involving reciprocal rights and obligations, common action and special procedure.

*[Delete: 3. The Union may conclude international agreements where conclusion is necessary to achieve a Union objective, where there is provision for it in a Union legislative act, or where the agreements affect one of the Union's internal acts.]*

*[Delete: 4. Agreements concluded by the Union are binding upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States.]*

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**Explanation (if any) : The amendments are intended to place more emphasis on Member States as the driving force in international agreements involving the Union.**

**Explanation for deletion of article 3 : The power to conclude international agreements in pursuit of any Union objective is too general and should be deleted.**