

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 32

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Article 32¹

1. The Union may commit itself 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.
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.
4. Agreements concluded by the Union are binding upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States.

¹ The competence in the fields of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, and in the fields of the common foreign and security policy, should primarily belong to the Member States. The level of the Union competence in this area as well as in other sensitive matters should be considered when drafting the provisions relating to the external competence of the Union.