

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 33.7

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Status : - Member **X Alternate**

The Council shall conclude agreements on the proposal of the agreement negotiator. Except where agreements relate exclusively to the common foreign and security policy, the Council shall not conclude any agreement until the European Parliament has been consulted. The Parliament shall deliver its opinion within a time-limit which the Council may lay down according to the urgency of the matter. In the absence of an opinion within that time-limit, the Council may act. However, the European Parliament's assent shall be required for association agreements, **trade, development and cooperation agreements, and** accession to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and for agreements establishing a specific institutional framework by organisation cooperation procedures, agreements with important budgetary implications for the Union and agreements covering fields to which the legislative procedure applies. The Council and the European Parliament may, in an urgent situation, agree upon a time-limit for the assent.

Explanation (if any) :

The procedure for trade, development and cooperation agreements should be the same as for association agreements. This will harmonize the legislative procedure and ensure a clear role for the European Parliament in the decision-making process.