

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 35

Suggestion for protocol :

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Article 35

1. The Union shall establish all appropriate forms of cooperation with the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

It shall also maintain such relations as are appropriate with all international organizations, **but shall not assume in so doing the status of statehood.**

2. *[Delete: The Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs and]* The Commission shall be instructed to implement the above paragraph **where mandated.**

Explanation (if any) : For a number of organisations, such as the UN, only states may be participants. Reference to the Commission operating under instructions clarifies that it is not acting independently of Member States or on its own initiative.