

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-226 (ex Article X, the Solidarity Clause)

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1. On the basis of a joint proposal by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Commission, the Council shall adopt a decision defining the arrangements for the implementation of the solidarity clause referred to in [Article-42].
2. Should a Member State fall victim to a terrorist attack or a natural or man-made disaster, the other Member States ~~will shall~~, **subject to national decisions**,¹ assist it at the request of its political authorities. To that end, the Member States shall coordinate between themselves in the Council.
3. For the purposes of this Article, the Council shall be assisted by the Political and Security Committee, with the support of the structures developed in the context of the common security and defence policy, and by the Committee provided for in [Article III-157 (ex Article 5, JHA)], which shall, if necessary, submit joint opinions.
4. The European Council shall regularly assess the threats facing the Union, in order to enable the Union to take effective action.

¹ Lending assistance to another state must always be subject to national decisions, which should be made clear in this article.