

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of: **PART II OF THE CONSTITUTION,**
TITLE X: Solidarity, Article X: implementation of the solidarity clause

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Suggestion:

Part II

Title X: Solidarity

Article X (implementation of the solidarity clause)

1. ~~On the basis of a joint proposal by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Commission, the Council shall adopt acts defining a framework for the implementation of the solidarity clause referred to in Article X of Part One. These acts shall be adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution.~~

Based on a common proposal by the Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Commission, the Council of Ministers will enact provisions setting a framework for the implementation of the solidarity clause described in Article X, Part I of the Constitution. These provisions will be enacted according to the relevant provisions of the Constitution.

2. ~~Should a Member State fall victim to a terrorist attack, the other Member States shall assist it at the request of its political authorities. To that end, the Member States shall coordinate between themselves in the Council.~~

If any Member State should be the object of a terrorist attack or any other armed attack, the other Member States will afford the Member State so attacked, at the request of its civilian authorities, all military and other aid and assistance within their power. To this end, the Member States will co-ordinate their action through the Council of Ministers.

3. ~~For the purposes of this Article, the Council shall be assisted by the Political and Security Committee and by the Standing Committee on Internal Security, which shall, if necessary, submit joint opinions.~~

For the implementation of this provision, the Council of Minister shall be

assisted by the Political and Security Committee and the Permanent Committee of Internal Security, which may issue relevant opinions to the Council of Ministers.

4. ~~The European Council shall regularly assess the threats facing the Union, on the basis of a report from the Commission, in order to enable the Union to take effective action.~~

In order to increase the effectiveness of the Union's action in this field, the European Council, based on a report by the Council of Ministers, will evaluate, on a regular basis, the threats facing the Union.

Explanation : Although there are relevant provisions in Art. 30(7) of Part I, Title V and in Art. 21(2) of Part II, Title B of the Draft Constitution, we believe that their wording is not decisive enough. Therefore, in accordance with the recommendations of the Working Group VIII "Defence", we propose the enactment of a solidarity clause *expressis verbis* in order to establish a permanent mechanism of implementing the solidarity clause, thus enhancing the co-operation of the Member States in the field of Common Defence.