

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-309 (ex 274)

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The Commission shall implement the budget ~~in cooperation with the Member States~~, in accordance with the European law of the Council referred to in [Article III-314 (ex 279)], on its own responsibility and within the limits of the appropriations allocated, having regard to the principles of sound financial management. Member States shall cooperate with the Commission to ensure that the appropriations are used in accordance with those principles.

Paras 2-4: *OK*

Explanation (if any) :

The Commission should remain fully responsible for implementing the budget. The words “in co-operation with the budget” are unnecessary, as Member States’ duty to co-operate is reflected later in this paragraph