

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : III –309**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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**Status : - Member**

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### Article III-309 [ex Article 274]

The Commission shall implement the budget in cooperation with the Member States, in accordance with the European law referred to in [ex Article 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.

The European law referred to in [ex Article 279] shall establish the control and audit obligations of the Member States in the implementation of the budget and the resulting responsibilities

The European law referred to in [ex Article 279] shall establish responsibilities and detailed rules for each Institution concerning its part in effecting its own expenditure.

The Commission may, subject to the limits and conditions laid down by the European law referred to in Article [ex Article 279], make transfers of appropriations between chapters or between subdivisions within the budget.

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### **Explanation (if any) :**

**I do not oppose the draft articles on the Union's budget. I welcome the provisions that shall ensure that the financial means are made available to allow the Union to fulfil its legal obligations in respect of third parties. I would agree with M. de Villepin that it would also be important that Article III - 122 ensures the maintenance of the current procedures in agricultural matters: the mechanisms of the common organisation of agricultural markets and rural development policy, agricultural assistance and price levels, and conditions for the granting of assistance. These must continue to involve laws adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority, after consultation of the European Parliament.**