

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article X (Part I)

Suggestion for protocol :

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Delete and replace with:

In application of the principle of solidarity, the Union and its Member States undertake to assist a Member State which has suffered from a natural or man-made disaster, or has been the victim of a terrorist attack. On receipt of a request from the government of the Member State concerned, the Union and the other Member States shall provide such assistance as they each deem necessary and as would be consistent with international law. Such assistance may involve the deployment of all instruments at the Union's disposal. Deployment of military capabilities for the purposes set out in this Article shall be limited to the territory of the Union.

The detailed arrangements for the implementation of this provision shall be adopted by the Council, acting unanimously, on the basis of a joint proposal by the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Commission and, as appropriate, following consultation with the European Parliament.

Explanation (if any) : The report of Working Group VIII (Defence) envisages a more broadly-framed solidarity clause encompassing natural and man-made disasters. It is appropriate that a request for assistance should come from the government of a Member State. The deployment of military capabilities under the terms of this provision should be confined to the territory of the Union. The application of this article should be without prejudice to the activities of the Union and its Member States in the field of Justice and Home Affairs.

The detail should be left to the Council to decide. For this reason there is no need for a separate article in Part II.