

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 10:

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Status: Observer

Text of the Praesidium

Article 10: Categories of competence

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3. ***Member States shall coordinate their economic policies at EU level.***

4. The Union shall have competence to define and implement a common foreign and security policy, including the progressive framing of a common defence policy.
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Explanation:

This is consistent with the amendment tabled by UNICE concerning article 13