

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 2

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Status : - Alternate

Article 2, concluding sentence, add seven words

'Its aim is a society at peace through the practice of tolerance, justice and solidarity, *and of respect for cultural and linguistic diversity*'.

Explanation (if any) :

Debate at the Convention revealed that this aspect of respect for diversity is properly recognised as a value rather than objective of the Union. In a later Title of the Constitution this point will have to be taken up in a way that ensures the Union's institutions have competence to give support to linguistic diversity, in particular in relation to regional and minority languages, and lesser-used languages. In addition, I draw attention to the text in the European parliament's Napolitano Report suggesting a new Article 151a in the Community Treaty about 'respecting and promoting linguistic diversity, including regional and minority languages'.