

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Part I, Article I-3

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Status : Member of the Convention

Article I-3: The Union's objectives

1. The Union's aim is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its peoples.
2. The Union shall offer its citizens an area of freedom, security and justice without internal frontiers, and a single market where competition is free and undistorted.
3. The Union shall work for a Europe of sustainable development based on balanced economic growth, with a social market economy aiming at full employment and social progress.

It shall aim at a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment.
It shall promote scientific and technological advance.

It shall promote a high level of consumer protection.

It shall combat social exclusion and shall promote social justice and protection, equality between women and men, solidarity between generations and protection of children's rights.

It shall promote economic, social and territorial cohesion, and solidarity among Member States.

The Union shall respect its rich cultural and linguistic diversity, and shall ensure that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced.

4. In its relations with the wider world, the Union shall uphold and promote its values and interests. It shall contribute to peace, security, the sustainable development of the earth, solidarity and mutual respect among peoples, free and fair trade, eradication of poverty and protection of human rights and in particular children's rights, as well as to strict observance and development of international law, including respect for the principles of the United Nations Charter.
 5. These objectives shall be pursued by appropriate means, depending on the extent to which the relevant competences are attributed to the Union in this Constitution.
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Explanation (if any) : The Constitutional Treaty aims to bring the Union closer to its citizens. Consumer protection is of great importance in the daily lives of modern human beings. Consumer protection is an important horizontal objective of the Union. In the existing treaties consumer protection is mentioned in Article 3, para. 1, TEC. In the Constitutional Treaty it should therefore be included in Article I-3. Alternatively Article 3, para. 1, TEC could be listed in the beginning of Part III of the Constitutional Treaty.