

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Title I: Definition and objectives of the Union

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article I-3: The Union's objectives

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#### 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 *a high level of competitiveness*, 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 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.

*It shall promote non-discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. It shall combat racism and xenophobia.*

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, ***in accordance with the practice of openness and good governance.***

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**Explanation:**

*3.3 The previous reference to a competitive Europe has been dropped unaccountably. This is unacceptable. We have to refer to the competitiveness of Europe, repeated in endless declarations of the European Council, in order to give a fully balanced account of our objectives.*

*We insist on the inclusion of the items currently in Article 13 TEC. Their ventilation in Part III fails to give them the prominence they deserve in contemporary Europe.*

*3.5 The inclusion of reference to good governance and openness is necessary early on in the Constitution in order to flag up the Union's commitment to best practice in the conduct of its democratic life. These qualities are not fundamental values on a par with those specified in Article 2, but they are a central feature.*