

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : I-3

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Status : - Member -

1. *Delete*

2. The Union shall ~~offer~~provide its citizens with an area of freedom, security and justice without internal frontiers, and an single internal 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, and a high level of environmental protection.

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

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, and 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. *OK*

5. *OK.*

Explanation (if any) :

1. Repeated amendment: This reflects broad aims, not objectives. There could also be implications arising from translating all the values from Article 2 directly into objectives as this seems to do. It should be moved to the Preamble.

2. New amendment: The first change is clearer English. The second reflects in the increasing use of 'internal', rather than 'single' market. The third because 'free' doesn't seem to add anything, or fit in with the Competition Articles.

3. Repeated amendment: The EU's objectives in sustainable development should reflect the conclusions of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development. We are concerned that 'protection of children's rights' confers new competences on the Union. It is also a repetition of the Charter.

New amendment: We are also concerned with the implications of 'territorial cohesion' It could have implications for Gibraltar or defence policy; and could distort the scope of the structural and cohesion funds by attaching importance to geographic rather than economic

concerns.