

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 3, par. 2

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Status : Alternate

Article 3: The Union's objectives

2. The Union shall work for a Europe of harmonious, balanced and sustainable development based on balanced economic growth, ~~and~~ social justice, and a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment, with a free single market, and economic and monetary union, aiming at full employment and generating high levels of competitiveness, ~~and~~ living standards, consumer and social protection. It shall promote economic and social cohesion, equality between women and men, and environmental ~~and social~~ protection, and shall develop scientific and technological advance ~~including the discovery of space.~~ It shall encourage solidarity between generations and between States, and equal opportunities for all.

6. Environmental protection and social and economic requirements must be integrated into the definition and implementation of Union policies, in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.

Explanation:

Extreme care should be taken when drafting a new Treaty Article on the Union's objectives. It is important to ensure that the new wording can not be interpreted as a step backwards from the results achieved at the intergovernmental conferences of the 90's particularly with regard to Union objectives in the fields of environmental and consumer protection. The proposed new wording builds on the existing Article 2.

The objective "discovery of space" is already covered by the phrase "develop scientific and technological advance" and therefore seems redundant.

The proposal for a new par. 6 builds on the existing Article 6 TEC and the objectives of the Lisbon-process.