

FICHE AMENDEMENT

Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : 3

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Article 3: The Union's objectives

(...)

2. The Union shall work for a Europe of sustainable development based on balanced economic growth and social justice, with a ~~free~~-single market, and economic and monetary union, **generating high levels of competitiveness and living standards as well as aiming at full employment and social peace.** It shall promote economic and social cohesion, **social market economy**, 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.
3. The Union shall constitute an area of freedom, security and justice.
The Union shall respect and develop the richness of its cultural, linguistic and regional diversity.
4. In defending Europe's independence and interests, the Union shall seek to advance its values in the wider world. It shall contribute to the sustainable development of the earth, solidarity and mutual respect among peoples, eradication of poverty and **respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms including** protection of children's rights, strict observance of internationally accepted legal commitments, and peace between States.

(...)

Explication:

The adjective “free” before “single market” should be deleted in Article 3 para. 2. Among the

Union's objectives we miss altogether a reference to social market economy and social peace. The clause presently contained in para. 3 whereby the richness of the cultural diversity is respected, should be brought forward to para. 2 and enhanced to include the "linguistic and regional" diversity.

The wording in para. 3 should then stop immediately after "and justice" since the reference to the development of the shared values of the Union seems redundant with regard to para. 1.

In para. 4, after "eradication of poverty" the sentence should continue as follows: "...and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms including protection of children's rights ..."