

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 3

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To be reworded as follows :

1. The Union's aim is to promote, in addition to the respect for fundamental values, the well-being of its peoples, and a society at peace within itself, and among nations.
2. The Union shall work for a Europe distinguished by pursuance of:
 - sustainable development based on balanced economic growth, with a free single market, and economic and monetary union, aiming at full employment and generating high levels of competitiveness and living standards, mindful of the needs of future as well as present generations;
 - freedom, security and justice, social and territorial cohesion, equality between women and men, and environmental protection and enhancement;
 - respect for the richness of its cultural diversity, and scientific and technological advancement including the exploration of ocean and outer space.
3. 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 protection of children's rights, strict observance of internationally accepted legal commitments, and peace between States.
4. These objectives shall be pursued by appropriate means, according to the competences attributed to the Union by this Constitution.

Explanation (if any) :

For greater clarity of articulation. However, the main point to be emphasised here is the inclusion of territorial cohesion as recommended by the Working Group on Social Europe, and various regional organisations.