

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 3

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<i>Text of the Praesidium</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
<u>Article 3: The Union's objectives</u> 1. The Union's aim is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its peoples. 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, aiming at full employment and generating high levels of competitiveness and living standards. 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. 3. The Union shall constitute an area of freedom, security and justice, in which its shared values are developed and the richness of its cultural diversity is respected. 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 protection of children's rights, strict observance of internationally accepted legal commitments, and peace between States.	<u>Article 3: The Union's objectives</u> 1. The Union's aim is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its peoples. 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, aiming at <u>a high level of</u> full employment and generating high levels of competitiveness and living standards. It shall promote economic and social cohesion, <u>the richness of its cultural and linguistic diversity,</u> 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, <u>social groups</u> and between States. <u>It should also strive to create,</u> and equal opportunities for all. 3. The Union shall constitute an <u>foster the</u> area of freedom, security and justice, in which its shared values are developed and the richness of its cultural diversity is respected. 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 protection of children's rights, strict

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Explanation:

1. The notion of “high level of employment”, already enshrined in the Community law, should be maintained.
2. The term “to foster” underlines that the area of freedom, security and justice is an aim of the Union. The verb “constitute” could be in this context a sort of confusion. The wording in para. 3 including cultural diversity together with the area of freedom, security and justice is not appropriate. Therefore it should be brought forward to para. 2.