

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 3.2 and 3.4:

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2. The Union shall work for a Europe of sustainable development based on balanced economic growth and social justice **and a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment**¹, with a free single market, and economic and monetary union, aiming at full employment **and quality in work**², generating high levels of competitiveness and living standards. It shall promote economic and social cohesion, equality between women and men, [and environmental]¹ social protection **and a high level of health**³, and shall ~~develop~~ **promote** scientific and technological advance ~~including the discovery of space~~⁴. It shall encourage solidarity between generations and between States, **contribute to the protection of children's rights**⁵ and equal opportunity for all **independent of ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation**.⁶

4. ~~In defending Europe's independence and interests, the Union shall seek to advance its values in the wider world.~~⁷ ~~It shall~~ **The Union shall be open to the world and** contribute to sustainable **global** development ~~of the earth~~, solidarity and mutual respect among peoples, eradication of poverty [and protection of children's rights]⁵, strict observance of ~~internationally accepted legal commitments~~ **international law, including human rights**⁸, and **global peace and security in conformity with the principles of the United Nations Charter** ~~between States~~.⁹

¹ The principle « sustainable development », is based on three parts ; economic growth, social justice and the protection of the environment. The first two are referred in the first sentence of the present text as bases for sustainable development. The third – the environment – is, therefore, to be added. The text suggested is literally taken from the corresponding text in Article 2 EC. As a consequence of such an amendment the reference to environmental protection in the second sentence is not necessary. Moreover, the present text (Article 6 EC) on sectorial integration "Environmental protection requirements must be integrated into the definition and implementation of Union's policies" has no corresponding language in the draft text. A text on sectorial integration must be introduced in the introductory parts of the Treaty, addressing all policy fields and cannot be included only in the articles later on in the Treaty, dealing with environmental protection.

² This is general objective for the Lisbon process and a recommendation from Working Group XI.

³ Recommendation from Working Group XI.

⁴ The “discovery of space” is not an objective at the same level as the other objectives in this Article. Further, the existing European Space Agency, ESA, already provides a good framework for matters concerning the space.

⁵ The protection of children's right should be a general objective in paragraph 2. As a consequence of such an amendment the reference to children's rights in paragraph 4 is not necessary.

⁶ Recommendation from Working Group XI. This general objective must be complemented with a legal basis for combating discrimination in Part II (corresponding to Article 13 EC).

⁷ The underlying message in this sentence could be misapprehended.

⁸ "International law" is a broader concept than "internationally accepted binding commitments".

⁹ Corresponds better to Article 11.1 EU. In order to ensure coherence in EU external and internal action, these objectives should also be taken into account in EU internal policies.