

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 3

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Article 3: The Union's objectives

1. The Union's aim is to promote its values, **the European way of life**, the well-being of its **citizens and peace**.
 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.~~ contribute to the sustainable development of the earth, solidarity and mutual respect among peoples, eradication of poverty, protection of human ~~children's~~ rights, ~~strict observance of internationally accepted legal commitments,~~ and peace ~~between States~~.
 5. These objectives shall be pursued by appropriate means, depending on the extent to which the relevant competences are attributed to the Union by this Constitution.
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Explanation:

- 1) *There should be stressed a direct link Union – its citizens, rather than Union - peoples*
- 2) *In order to meet the largest possible consensus, this article on objectives should be very general and rather short. Any too concrete an enumeration would open the door to endless discussions about what is still lacking.*