

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 3 (2)

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I introduce the following amendments for article 3 (2)

The Union shall work for a Europe of sustainable development based on balanced economic growth, **a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment** 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 **to meet the needs of the present generation with respect for the rights of future generations**. 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 **Member States**, and equal opportunities for all.

Explanation:

- 1. All three aspects of sustainable development, the economic, the social and the ecological, need to be expressed in this central statement of the Union's objectives.**
- 2. The wording used is taken directly from the existing Treaty (art. 2, EC Treaty).**
- 3. The wording used on the rights of future generations is taken from the Brundtland Report, the most commonly used definition of sustainable development.**