

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 3

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1. *Delete. Because of the link between competences and objectives, we would prefer to see a more specific list of objectives (as in Article 2 TEU). The language in the Praesidium draft would seem to be more appropriate for the Preamble.*
 2. The Union shall work for a Europe of sustainable development based on balanced economic growth, social justice and a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment, and sustainable and non-inflationary growth with a free single market and an economic and monetary union and aiming at full employment, at generating a high degree of competitiveness and convergence of economic performance and at raising the standard of living and quality of life. It shall promote economic and social cohesion, equality between men and women, and solidarity among Member States while respecting their diversity.
 3. The Union shall work for an area of freedom, security and justice, in which the free movement of persons is assured in conjunction with appropriate measures with respect to external border controls, asylum, immigration, and the prevention and combating of crime.
 4. The Union shall seek to advance its values in the wider world. In doing so, it shall contribute to sustainable development, solidarity and mutual respect among peoples, eradication of poverty, the [promotion of] [protection of] human rights, respect for international law and peace between States.
 - 4bis. It shall assert its identity on the international scene through the implementation of a common foreign, security and defence policy.
 5. These objectives shall be pursued by appropriate means, depending on the extent to which relevant competences are attributed to the Union by means of this Constitution.
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Explanation (if any) :

As drafted, this Article contains a mixture of narrative, aspirations, and objectives. Given the link between objectives and competence, the text must ensure that we do not extend competence in an unintended way through these objectives.

I suggest reordering paragraph 2 for clarity. 'The discovery of space' is too specific for an Objective of the Union; our text places 'diversity' in this paragraph where it seems to fit better.

I have redrafted paragraph 3 based on Article 2 TEU, which provides a clearer explanation.

Paragraph 4 is amended for clarity. 'children's rights' is oddly over-specific – should replace with 'human rights'; and we should replace 'commitment', which is vague, with 'obligation', which means legally binding.

The new paragraph 4 bis is based on language in Article 2, TEU on CFSP.