

## AMENDMENT FORM 2

Amendment of Article 3 § 2

Amendment of Article 12 § 4

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### "RECOGNITION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL COHESION"

– **Addition to Article 3 §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, social **and territorial** cohesion, **interregional and transfrontier cooperation**, 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 their regions and local authorities**, and equal opportunities for all."*

– **Addition to Article 12 §4, eighth indent :**

*" economic, social **and territorial** cohesion".*

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### Explanation:

The debate during the Convention meeting of 7 February 2003 showed broad support for the recognition of the territorial cohesion principle, which should in particular allow the expression of solidarity towards regions with special structural difficulties, such as islands, mountains or northern regions, ultra-peripheral regions and metropolitan areas.