

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 3.4

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Article 3.4. The Union's objectives

Based on a spirit of openness to the outside world, and aimed at furthering Europe's interests and independence, ~~In defending Europe's independence and interests~~, the Union shall seek to advance its universal values in the wider world. It shall contribute to (...) strict observance of internationally accepted legal commitments, co-operation and free trade, and peace between States.

Explanation: The term “universal” – same explanation as regarding my proposed amendment to Article 2. The presentation of the Union's values has implications for its relations to the wider world. In Article 3.4, it is stated that the Union “shall seek to advance its values”, which relates to Article 2. We do not wish to come across as patronising towards other countries, and to avoid that we should underline the *universal* character of the values in Article 2, as well as in Article 3.4. “Based on a spirit of openness...” – this amendment, as well as the proposal to add the words “co-operation and free trade” is meant to avoid any notion of Europe building a “Festung Europa” around itself. We should underline our open attitude to the outside world.