

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 3

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Item 2.

The Union shall work for a Europe of sustainable development based on balanced economic growth, **a high level of protection and improvement in 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 accessibility for all**, and shall develop scientific and technological advance including the discovery of space. It shall **promote non-discrimination on the basis of racial or ethnic origin, religious or sexual orientation, disability and age**. It shall encourage solidarity between generations and between States, and equal opportunities for all.

Explanation (if any) :

The union is NOT a socially inclusive and accessible society. For disabled people it is a society, which is often a struggle to live in.

It is an absolute must that the anti-discrimination formulations of article 13 is an objective in a European Constitutional Treaty. We should continuously work to fight against discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, ethnic origin, religion, disability, age or sexual orientation.

In addition environmental protection requirements must be integrated into all community policies.

If the statements of the present article 6 in the EC treaty is not repeated in the Constitutional Treaty, it will present a step **backwards** for the European Union.

It is completely unacceptable if the Constitutional Treaty does not *at least* preserve the existing objectives of the Union.

What sort of a signal would we send - within the current member states and not least within the coming ones - if we did not emphasise our will to fight all forms of discrimination?