

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 3:

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Ad the words written in **bold** in item 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, **as well as animals rights. The union** shall develop scientific and technological advance including the discovery of space. It shall encourage solidarity between generations and between States, and equal opportunities for all."

### Explanatory note

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.**

The current draft of article 3 omits these key elements on environmental protection. If the Constitutional Treaty does not include these elements, it will be weaker than the existing EC Treaty.