

## Proposal for part III in the Convention - in relation to agricultural policy

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Article III-118 (ex Article 33)	Proposed new Article III-118 (ex Article 33)
<p>1. The objectives of the common agricultural policy shall be:</p> <p>(a) to increase agricultural productivity by promoting technical progress and by ensuring the rational development of agricultural production and the optimum utilisation of the factors of production, <del>in particular labour;</del></p> <p>(b) thus to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community, <del>in particular by increasing the individual earnings of persons engaged in agriculture;</del></p> <p>(c) to stabilise markets;</p> <p>(d) to assure the availability of supplies;</p>	<p>1. The objectives of the common agricultural policy shall be:</p> <p><b>(a) to ensure quality products</b></p> <p><b>(b) to ensure the highest level of environmental protection and animal welfare, recognising the value of organic production methods to this end</b></p> <p><b>(c) to create a competitive agricultural sector, not supported by state or EU aid, in fair and open competition with the rest of the world</b></p> <p><b>(d) to increase agricultural productivity by promoting technical progress and by ensuring the rational development of agricultural production and the optimum utilisation of the factors of production, with the goal of improving the standard of the environment without prejudice to paragraph (b)</b></p> <p><b>(e) thus to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community without prejudice to paragraph (c), and to ensure that public access is available to nature (both land and water) of good ecological quality, including clean drinking water.</b></p> <p><b>(f) to stabilise markets, without prejudice to (c);</b></p> <p><b>(g) to assure the availability of supplies;</b></p>

<p>(e) to ensure that supplies reach consumers at reasonable prices.</p> <p>2. In working out the common agricultural policy and the special methods for its application, account shall be taken of:</p> <p>(a) the particular nature of agricultural activity, which results from the social structure of agriculture and from structural and natural disparities between the various agricultural regions;</p> <p>(b) the need to effect the appropriate adjustments by degrees;</p> <p>(c) the fact that in the Member States agriculture constitutes a sector closely linked with the economy as a whole.</p>	<p>(h) to ensure that supplies reach consumers at reasonable prices <b>without prejudice to paragraph (c)</b>.</p> <p>2. In working out the common agricultural policy and the special methods for its application, account shall be taken of:</p> <p>(a) <b>the agricultural sector's function as managers of the major parts of the Union's land area and groundwater, and its function as a producer of food products. Besides,</b> the particular nature of agricultural activity, which results from the social structure of agriculture and from structural and natural disparities between the various agricultural regions;</p> <p>(b) the need to effect the appropriate adjustments by degrees;</p> <p>(c) the fact that in the Member States agriculture constitutes a sector closely linked with the economy <b>and environment</b> as a whole.</p>
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<p><b>Article III-119 (ex Article 34), 2</b></p> <p>2. The common organisation established in accordance with paragraph 1 may include all measures required to attain the objectives set out in [Article III-118 (ex 33)], in particular regulation of prices, aids for the production and marketing of the various products, storage and carryover arrangements and common machinery for stabilising imports or exports.</p>	<p><b>Proposal for changes in article III-119 (ex Article 34), 2</b></p> <p>2. The common organisation established in accordance with paragraph 1 may include all measures required to attain the objectives set out in [Article III-118 (ex 33)], in particular regulation of prices, aids for the production and marketing of the various products, storage and carryover arrangements and common machinery for stabilising imports or exports, <b>without prejudice to Article III-118, 1.</b></p>
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<p>The common organisation shall be limited to pursuit of the objectives set out in [Article III-118 (ex 33)] and shall exclude any discrimination between producers or consumers within the Union.</p> <p>Any common price policy shall be based on common criteria and uniform methods of calculation.</p>	<p>The common organisation shall be limited to pursuit of the objectives set out in [Article III-118 (ex 33)] and shall exclude any discrimination between producers or consumers within the Union.</p> <p>Any common price policy shall be based on common criteria and uniform methods of calculation.</p>
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<p><b>Article III-119 (ex. art. 34), 3</b></p> <p>3. In order to enable the common organisation referred to in paragraph 1 to attain its objectives, one or more agricultural guidance and guarantee funds may be set up.</p>	<p><b>Proposal for changes in article III-119 (ex. art. 34), 3</b></p> <p>3. In order to enable the common organisation referred to in paragraph 1 to attain its objectives, one or more agricultural guidance and guarantee funds may be set up, <b>without prejudice to Article III-118, 1</b></p>
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**Explanation:**

The goal of the JuneMovement is an agricultural sector based on an open and fair market economy, free from all EU aid, open to fair competition with the rest of the world. At the same time it is essential that the production methods be in line with the highest level of environmental protection and animal welfare. This can, for example, be achieved through developing and spreading organic (in some countries called "bio") production methods. Therefore the above-presented changes in the legal framework must be included in the treaty.