

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article III-118 (ex Article 33)

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1. The objectives of the Union policy on agriculture shall be:
 - a) to satisfy the society's and the consumers demands for a sustainable, safe and ethic food production while meeting high standards of animal welfare, animal health, environmental consideration and sustainable use of resources, and
 - b) to contribute to a viable rural society.¹
2. The measures taken by the Union shall be compatible with the objective to promote global food security².

¹ The objectives for the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) are adapted to the situation that prevailed in Europe in the 1950s. Today, the agricultural policy is changing from production support towards measures targeted to environmental and rural development. In order to achieve an agricultural policy that takes account of the changing conditions and a changing world, a new policy direction should be reflected in the objectives for the Union's agricultural policy.

² Developing countries' agriculture is affected negatively by elements of CAP that distort trade and prevents access to markets. EU agricultural policy must not prevent them from expanding agriculture and thereby also their economies in general, which will improve food security in these countries.