

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: **Article III-119 (ex Article 34)**

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Status : **Alternate**

Article III-119 (ex Article 34)

1. In order to attain the objectives set out in [Article III-118 (ex 33)], a common organisation of agricultural markets shall be established.

This organisation shall take one of the following forms, depending on the product concerned:

- (a) common rules on competition;
- (b) compulsory coordination of the various national market organisations;
- (c) a European market organisation.
- (d) rural and environmental structural measures***

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.

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. Any common price policy shall be based on common criteria and uniform methods of calculation. ***The instruments shall take into account their impact on the objectives of the Union's External Action regarding poverty eradication in developing countries.***

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.

Explanation (if any):

Rural and structural measures are already applied by the CAP. Promotion of exports cannot be included in this indicative list of instruments available for the achievement of the CAP objectives.

The eradication of poverty in developing countries is included in the objectives of the Union's External Action. This objective should be respected in all the policies of the Union, according to the principle of policy coherence [Article 178/Article 188.2 and Article 213.1].

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