

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-175

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Artikel III-175

Article III–175 (ex Article 157)

1. The Union and the Member States shall ensure that the conditions necessary for the competitiveness of the Union's industry exist **and that industry contributes to the achievement of the objectives laid down in Article I-3, in particular with regard to sustainable development.**

For that purpose, in accordance with a system of open and competitive markets, their action shall be aimed at:

- (a) speeding up the adjustment of industry to structural changes;
- (b) encouraging an environment favourable to initiative and to the development of undertakings throughout the Union, particularly small and medium-sized undertakings;
- (c) encouraging an environment favourable to cooperation between undertakings;
- (d) fostering better exploitation of the industrial potential of policies of innovation, **energy efficiency,** research and technological development.
- (e) taking the necessary measures to stimulate the industrial sector to minimise its impact on the environment.**

2. The Member States shall consult each other in liaison with the Commission and, where necessary, shall coordinate their action. The Commission may take any useful initiative to promote such coordination.

3. The Union shall contribute to the achievement of the objectives set out in paragraph 1 through the policies and activities it pursues under other provisions of the Constitution. A European law or framework law may establish specific measures in support of action taken in the Member States to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 1. It shall be adopted after consultation of the Economic and Social Committee.

This Section shall not provide a basis for the introduction by the Union of any measure which could lead to distortion of competition or contains tax provisions or provisions relating to the rights and interests of employed persons.

Explanation if any :

Streamlining of sustainability requirements into industrial policy