

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 177

#### Suggestion for Part: III

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1. The Union shall contribute to the development of quality education by encouraging cooperation between Member States and, if necessary, by supporting and supplementing their action. It shall fully respect the responsibility of the Member States for the content of teaching and the organisation of education systems and their cultural and linguistic diversity. Protection of children and youth aspects shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all the Union's policies and activities.

~~The Union shall contribute to the promotion of European sporting issues, given the social and educational function of sport.~~ The Union shall contribute to furthering European commitment to sport, in view of the educational value of sporting activities and sport's specific role within society.

2. Union action shall be aimed at:

- (a) developing the European dimension in education, particularly through the teaching and dissemination of the languages of the Member States;
- (b) encouraging mobility of students and teachers, inter alia by encouraging the academic recognition of diplomas and periods of study;
- (c) promoting cooperation between educational establishments;
- (d) developing exchanges of information and experience on issues common to the education systems of the Member States;
- ~~(e) encouraging the development of cooperation between Member States on well being of children and youth exchanges and of exchanges of socio-educational instructors;~~
- (f) encouraging the development of distance education;
- (g) ~~developing the European dimension in sport, by promoting fairness in competitions and cooperation between sporting bodies and by protecting the physical and moral integrity of sportsmen and sportswomen, especially young sportsmen and sportswomen.~~
  - promoting, in view of the value of sport for youth, the educational nature of sport and the use of sport as a means of bringing society together;
  - stimulating cooperation between sports organisations and authorities while preserving sport's independence;

- developing European efforts in an international context and coordinating these efforts within international alliances;

3. The Union and the Member States shall foster cooperation with third countries and the competent international organisations in the field of education, in particular the Council of Europe.

4. In order to contribute to the achievement of the objectives referred to in this Article,

- (a) a European law or framework law shall establish incentive actions, excluding any harmonisation of the laws and regulations of the Member States. It shall be adopted after consulting the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee.
- (b) the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt recommendations.