

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 1.2

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Part 2 of the Consitution:

Title B. The Union's External Action

Article 1.2

The European Union shall define and pursue common policies and Union actions, and shall work for a maximum degree of cooperation in all fields of international relations, in order to:

- (a) safeguard the common values, fundamental interests, independence and integrity of the Union;
 - (b) consolidate and support democracy, the rule of law, human rights and international law;
 - (c) preserve peace, prevent conflicts and strengthen international security, in conformity with the principles of the United Nations Charter;
 - (d) foster the sustainable economic, **environmental** and social development of developing countries, with the primary aim of eradicating poverty, ~~particularly in low income countries~~;
 - (e) encourage the integration of all countries into the world economy, including through the progressive abolition of restrictions on international trade;
 - (f) develop international measures to ~~preserve~~ **protect** and improve **the quality of** the environment and **and the sustainable management of** global natural resources **in order to** ~~and~~ ensure sustainable development;
 - (g) assist populations, countries and regions confronting man-made or natural disasters;
 - (h) promote an international system based on stronger multilateral cooperation and good global governance.
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Explanation (if any):

1. International meetings have agreed language on sustainable development defining it as “environmental, economic and social development”. It is not possible to take out one of these pillars of sustainable development in a general objective. This would also make the objectives of external action of the Union consistent with the objectives of the Union as a whole as included in Article 2 of the EC treaty, and the revised Article 3 of the Constitution as discussed upon by the Convention plenary sessions.
2. The sustainable development with the primary aim to eradicate poverty applies **to all developing countries** as agreed by the United Nations (UN Millennium Declaration) and the OECD (list of developing countries). All EU Member States have endorsed this objective and agreed to the OECD list of developing countries.
3. This new wording is proposed to be consistent with the objectives of the Treaty under Article 2 of the EC Treaty and the revised Article 3 of the Constitutional Treaty as discussed by plenary session of the Convention on March 5th and March 26th.