

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 1.2: Principles and Objectives

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#### Article 1.2: Principles and Objectives

Presidium Text	New Proposed Text
(d) “foster the sustainable economic and social development of developing countries, with the primary aim of eradicating poverty, particularly in low-income countries;”	(d) “ foster the sustainable economic, <b>environmental</b> and social development of developing countries, with the poverty. [ <b>Delete</b> “in low-income countries”]

#### Explanatory Note

International meetings have agreed language on sustainable development as ‘sustainable environmental, economic and social development. It is not possible to take out one of these legs in a general objective.

The sustainable development with the primary aim to eradicate poverty applies to **all developing countries** as agreed by UN (Millennium Declaration) and OECD (list of developing countries). All EU member states have endorsed this objective and agreed to the OECD list of developing countries.

<b>Presidium Text</b>	<b>New Proposed Text</b>
The Union shall ensure consistency between the different areas of its external action. It shall also take into account the principles and objectives listed above in the development and implementation of external aspects of other union policies.	The Union shall ensure consistency between the different areas of its external action. It shall also take into account the principles and objectives listed above in the development and implementation of external aspects of other Union policies. <b>Moreover the definition and implementation of all Union policies and activities referred to in part 2 must be coherent with the Union development policy described in Chapter 3.1 of Title B (Part 2), when it has an impact on developing countries.</b>

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This is important to the area of development cooperation – as well as to the credibility of the ability of the EU to play a role as a responsible actor in the international community. Avoiding the reference to the principle of policy coherence would be going back on the *aquis communautaire*????, as Article 178 TEU, Article 3 TEU, Declaration 6 Amsterdam Treaty, and Article 27.A of the Nice Treaty which underlines the need for policy coherence when Union’s policies have an impact on developing countries.