

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 1.2 (d)

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In addition, of the preliminary, I introduce the following amendment:

foster the sustainable economic, ~~and~~-social and environmental development of developing countries, with the primary aim of eradicating poverty. ~~particularly in low income countries;~~

Explanation:

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 agreed 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.