

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 1.3

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Part 2 of the Constitution:
Title B. The Union's External Action

Article 1.3

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. **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.I. of Title B (Part 2), when it has an impact on developing countries.**

Explanation (if any):

This is important to the area of Development Co-operation – 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 *acquis communautaire*, as Article 178 TEU, Article 3 TEU, Declaration 6 of the Amsterdam Treaty, and Art 27.A of the Nice Treaty which underlines the need for policy coherence when Union's policies have an impact on developing countries. Moreover the inclusion of the policy coherence principle was agreed in the plenary session of the Convention of March 5th.