

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: 1 Principles and objectives

PART TWO - Title B

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Status : - Alternate

Principles and objectives

1. The Union's action on the international scene shall be guided by, and designed to advance in the wider world, the principles which have inspired its own creation, development and enlargement: democracy, the rule of law, the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for human dignity, equality and solidarity, and for international law in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter. The Union shall seek to develop relations and build partnerships with countries, and regional or global organisations, which share these values. It shall promote multilateral solutions to common problems, in particular in the framework of the United Nations.

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, support and respect for democratic principles including the right to choose and change leaders in free and fair elections, the separation of legislative, executive and judicial powers, and guarantees of freedom of expression, information, association and political organisation;

(c) engender respect for good governance, the rule of law, human rights (civil and political, and social, economic and cultural) and international law;

(d) preserve peace, prevent conflicts and strengthen international security, in conformity

with the principles of the United Nations Charter;

(e) foster the sustainable economic and social development of developing countries, with the primary aim of eradicating poverty, particularly in low-income countries;

(f) encourage the integration of all countries into the world economy, including through the progressive abolition of restrictions on international trade;

(g) develop international measures to preserve and improve the environment and global natural resources, and ensure sustainable development;

(h) assist populations, countries and regions confronting man-made or natural disasters;

(i) promote an international system based on stronger multilateral co-operation and good global governance.

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.

4. In areas where the internal policies of the Union conflict with the above, this Article shall take precedence

Explanation (if any) :