

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 1

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1. Article 1: 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 (delete)*], 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's **Member States**;
- (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 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 and improve the environment and global natural resources, 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 **good** 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.

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

Explanation (if any) : Certain of the objectives listed, although they may be worthy, are too abstract. The European Court of Justice may therefore be attributed a role in interpreting them.

New clause 4 is intended to allow for coherence in overall Union policies. Member States will have the obligation to consider the impact of policy on the developing world. This includes, for instance, the impact of third party waters agreements on local fishermen's safety and livelihoods ; the impact of the CAP on third world farmers; and the effects of subsidies for EU-produced low grade tobacco on the health of third world smokers, into whose markets they have been dumped.