

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 1

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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, 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 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~~ **and environmental**¹ development of developing countries, with the primary aim of eradicating poverty, ~~particularly in low-income countries;~~²
 - (e) encourage the integration of all countries into the world economy, including through the ~~progressive~~ abolition of restrictions on international trade;³

¹ Environmental goals should be a fundamental part of development policy

² This wording better reflects recognised language in the international development context and clearly underlines the need for this objective to relate to all developing countries, not primarily low income countries, as clarified particularly by the Millenium Development Goals. This does not circumvent that special attention may be given to low income countries to meet their special needs under certain circumstances, e.g increase the financial assistance to such countries.

³ Unnecessary.

- (e) develop international measures to preserve and improve the environment and global natural resources, and ensure sustainable development;
 - (g) assist populations, ~~countries and regions confronting~~ **affected by** man-made or natural disasters;⁴
 - (h) promote an international system based on stronger multilateral cooperation and good global governance.
3. The Union shall ensure coherence 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, **including those likely to affect developing countries**⁵

⁴ Simplification to underline the humanitarian nature of such action.

⁵ According to article 178 TEC. In addition, a general article on coherence, including between internal and external policies, should be inserted in Part I.