

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 1

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Status : Alternate

THE UNION'S EXTERNAL ACTION

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;

(bb) strengthen the security of the Union in all ways, including security of supplies;

(c) preserve peace, prevent conflicts and strengthen international security, in conformity with the principles of the United Nations Charter;

(d) foster the sustainable economic, *environmental* and social development of developing countries, *including the promotion of health and education*, with the primary aim of eradicating poverty;

(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 *and promote* 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 governance.

3. The Union shall ensure consistency *between the different areas of its external action and coherence between external and internal policies*. It shall take into account the principles and objectives listed above in the development and implementation of external aspects of other Union policies.

Explanation:

We introduce a new article 2 (bb) in order to reinstate the strengthening of the Union's security as an objective. It had previously featured in Article 11 TEU and we see no reason for it having been removed. We also add a new objective of securing supplies, with in mind the security of energy supplies.

In article (d) we introduce the complete definition as internationally recognise, and delete the last part on low-income countries, as this should apply to all developing countries.

Two crucial aspects of social development, combating disease and ignorance, should be made explicit in the Union's Constitution.

In article 2(f), include the requirement of promoting sustainable development as well as ensuring it.

In paragraph 3, we insert the need for coherent action in its external actions, but that this must also take account coherence with 'internal' policies.