

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 1 (PART TWO – TITLE B)

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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 **and promote** 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, **environmental** ¹ and social development of developing countries, with the primary aim of eradicating poverty, particularly in low-income

¹ International meetings have agreed language on sustainable development defining it as “environmental, economic and social development”.

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~~ **protect** and improve **the quality of** the environment and **the sustainable management of** global natural resources, and ensure sustainable development **and provide global public goods** ¹;
- (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~~ **coherence** ² between the different areas **of the European Unions external action and between external action and internal policies when the latter have an impact on developing countries.**~~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.

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¹ Such as protection of biodiversity, preservation of the atmosphere, access to fresh water, and effective prevention of HIV/Aids

² The principle of coherence between internal and external policies must be enshrined in the future Constitutional Treaty.

