

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 1

Suggestion for protocol :

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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 and manage conflicts and crises 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 governance.

(i) develop a special relationship with its neighbouring States, aiming to establish an area of prosperity and good neighbourliness characterized by close and peaceful relations based on cooperation.

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

Explanation (if any) :

Explanation 1(2c): There should be a more full description of the security and stability principles and objectives of the Union.

Explanation 1(2i): As we have suggested earlier, a more natural place for the content of Article 42 (Title IX: The Union and its immediate environment, part I of the Constitution) would be here under the Principles and Objectives of external action.

Explanation 1(3): Stronger emphasis on coherence is needed. Obligation to ensure coherence cannot be limited to external aspects of other Union policies. Also purely internal aspects of Union policies can have a remarkable impact on third countries.