

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article III-211: Common commercial policy

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Article III-211 (ex Article 23)

By establishing a customs union between themselves, Member States aim to contribute, in the common interest, to the harmonious development of world trade, the progressive abolition of restrictions on international trade and on foreign direct investment, and the progressive abolition ~~lowering~~ of customs and other barriers.

Explanation:

Article III-181 (e) says that the European Union should encourage the integration of all countries into the world economy, including through the progressive abolition of restrictions on international trade. This should be reflected in article III-211, which thus should say that the Union should abolish all restrictions, including customs, on international trade. This also follows from the conclusions from Working Group VII on External Action.