

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article III-212.1**

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**Status : Alternate**

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### **Article III-212, paragraph 1**

1. The common commercial policy shall be based on uniform principles, particularly with regard to changes in tariff rates, the conclusion of tariff and trade agreements relating to trade in goods and services and the commercial aspects of intellectual property, foreign direct investment, the achievement of uniformity in measures of liberalisation, export policy and measures to protect trade such as those to be taken in the event of dumping or subsidies. The common commercial policy shall be conducted in the context of the principles and objectives of the Union's external action, as set out in Article 1 of this Title, *and contribute to the primary aims of sustainable development and poverty eradication.*

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### **Explanation (if any) :**

As the main trading partner of developing countries, the EU has a huge responsibility in insuring that its external trade policy is not compromising its development objectives. It is now generally accepted that commercial policy has huge effects on development that can be either positive or negative. EU's trade policy, especially with developing countries, must therefore contribute to sustainable development and poverty eradication if the EU is to fulfil its self stated aims.