

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article: 23 (part II/external action)**

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### 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 to foreign direct investment, and the lowering of customs barriers.

The customs union shall cover all trade in goods and services and shall involve the prohibition of customs duties on imports and exports to and from the Union and of all charges having equivalent effect.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This text transforms to our relations to third countries the commitment that we made at Rome, 1958, to ourselves. It is therefore based on Article 23 of the EC Treaty. If it is considered too radical, it might be combined with a timeframe for the implementation.