

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Part III, Title V, Article 213 (ex Art. 25)

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Member - Alternate

1. Within the framework of the principles and objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 1 of this Title, the main objective of Union development cooperation policy is to reduce and eventually to eradicate poverty. This objective covers all developing countries (and entails support for sustainable economic, social and environmental development, promotion of the gradual integration of developing countries into the world economy, and a determination to combat inequality). Union policy in the sphere of development cooperation shall be conducted within the framework of the principles and objectives of the Union's external action as set out in [Article 1] of this Title. The Union's development cooperation policy and that of the Member States complement and reinforce each other.

2. Union development cooperation policy shall have as its primary objective the reduction and, in the long term, the eradication of poverty. The Union shall take account of the objectives of development cooperation in the policies that it implements which are likely to affect developing countries.

Explanation (if any) :

Our suggested addition clarifies the geographical coverage of the development policy. To avoid confusion about the application of the Treaty's various policies relating to third countries, it is crucial that this chapter clearly states that this covers all developing countries. Our suggested amendment in brackets is desirable in order to provide a more explicit statement of the overall objective of the development policy.