

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 25.1

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Status : Alternate

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Presidium Text	New Proposed Text
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.	Union policy in the sphere of development cooperation shall be based on long term action aiming at eradicating poverty by ensuring sustainable economic, social and environmental development, encouraging the integration of all countries into the world economy, as well as developing and consolidating fostering democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and good governance. This policy 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. OR “The plain objective of the Community development policy must be to reduce and eventually, to eradicate poverty. This objective entails support for sustainable economic, social and environmental development, promotion of the gradual intergration of developing countries in the world economy, and a determination to combat inequality.”

Explanatory Note

The second option is included here as it is based on the agreed language of November 2002 Communication and highlights issue of inequality.

Development co-operation should also have its own short objectives introduced in this article as the Trade policy (Art 23), or the Humanitarian Aid (art 30). Those objectives are consistent with article 1, but it is important to define the real basis of the Union's development policy.

Add sub-article. This chapter shall cover co-operation with all developing countries.

Explanation: The chapter on economic, financial and technical co-operation with Third countries does not specify which countries can be covered under that sub-chapter; clarity needs to be obtained as to the difference between the two chapters, particularly in terms of their coverage.