

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 25 (1)

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In addition, of the preliminary, I introduce the following amendment:

The union policy in the sphere of development co-operation shall aim at reducing and eventually, to eradicating poverty. This objective entails support for sustainable economic, social and environmental development, promotion of the gradual integration of developing countries in 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.

Explanation:

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.