

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 25

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CHAPTER 3: COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND HUMANITARIAN AID

I. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Article 25

1. *Union policy in the sphere of development cooperation shall aim at eradicating poverty. It shall promote sustainable economic, social and environmental development, the integration of developing countries into the world economy, and the combating of inequality.* 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.
2. The Union and the Member States shall comply with the commitments and take account of the objectives they have approved in the context of the United Nations and other competent international organisations.

Explanation:

For the sake of consistency and clarity, we add an introductory paragraph, setting out the aims and objectives of development cooperation.