

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : **Part II, Title B, Article 25**

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Member - ~~Alternate~~

~~25.1: Union policy in the sphere of development co-operation 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.~~

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.

25.2 : 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. The Union Shall take account of the objectives referred to in the preceding paragraph in the policies that it implements which are likely to affect developing countries.

Explanation (if any) :

25 :1 Development policy has a specific identity, as reflected in the precise objective under the current Article 177 TEC. It is inappropriate to rely on the general framework of principles in Article 1 when development policy has such a specific identity. Our proposed draft objective is taken verbatim from the November 2000 Council and Commission Statement on Development Policy.

This has read-across to draft Article 28. There would need to be greater clarity on the specific objective and focus of this sub-chapter, and how it will be distinguished from actions managed under the developmentcooperation policy in the first sub-chapter. This would avoid confusion and possible contradiction in the management of the Union's relations with different countries. The Treaty must provide clarity as to how its different policies will be implemented.

It is also worth noting that the final sentence in the current draft does not

reflect new language on shared competence for development co-operation proposed under Article 12 of Part I. This also has readacross to Art 30.1 (Part II).

25.2 In order to ensure that other external and internal policies do not undermine the longer term development objectives.