

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B of part 2 of the Constitutional Treaty (External Action)

Chapter 3: Co-operation with Third Countries and Humanitarian Aid

Suggestion for amendment of Article 25

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Status : - Alternate

~~1. 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. 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.~~

Replace by:

1. 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.
 2. The Union and the Member States shall comply with the commitments and **contribute to** the objectives they have approved in the context of the United Nations and other competent international organisations.
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 co-operation policy and that of the Member States complement and reinforce each other.
 3. This chapter shall cover co-operation with all developing countries.
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Explanatory note:

1. 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.

2. As a major player in the world, the EU should not only take account of those objectives, but also contribute to them. The Millennium development goals, the United Nations charter, the Economic, Social and Cultural rights, the conclusions of the world conference on women in Beijing and other commitments taken in international fora must be at the heart of Europe's action in the world.
3. 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.

Explanation (if any) :