

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 27

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Article 27 (a) new article

The Union's Development Co-operation policy shall be based on the principle of partnership exercised on the fundamental principles of equality of the partners; ownership of the development strategies by the countries and populations concerned; and participation in order to encourage integration of all sections in society, including civil society organisations.

Explanation (if any):

Article on partnership with governments and participation of civil society is already present in Cotonou Partnership Agreement, article 2, on fundamental principles. Involvement of non-state actors is an important aspect of EC development co-operation as set out in the Commissions's Communication on Non-State-Actors. (COM(2002)598)