

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 27

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Status : - Alternate

Article 27 (a) new article

Proposed text:

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.

Explanatory note :

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 Communication on Non-State-Actors. (COM(2002)598)

Explanation (if any) :