

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 25

By : TIMOTHY KIRKHOPE MEP

Status : MEMBER

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PRAESIDIUM	TIMOTHY KIRKHOPE MEP
<p><b>Article 25</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Article 25</b></p> <p>1. <i>Community</i> policy in the sphere of development cooperation shall be conducted within the framework of the principles and objectives of the <i>Community's</i> external action as set out in Article 1 of this Title. The <i>Community's</i> development cooperation policy and that of the Member States complement and reinforce each other.</p> <p>2. The <u><i>Community</i></u> 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.</p>

## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : **25** (PART TWO – TITLE B)

Suggestion for protocol :

By Mr : Ingvar SVENSSON

Status : - Alternate

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### *Article 25*

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. **It is based on long-term actions aimed at eradicating structural poverty, promoting sustainable economic, social and environmental development, encouraging the integration of all countries in the world economy, and developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and thus reducing the causes of conflict.** 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 actively promote** ~~take account of~~ the objectives they have approved in the context of the United Nations and other competent international organisations.

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**Explanation (if any) :**

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 26 (PART TWO – TITLE B)**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Mr : Ingvar SVENSSON**

**Status : - Alternate**

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### *Article 26*

1. The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws and European framework laws necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.
2. The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.

The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

3. The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.
4. ~~This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.~~<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> EDF funding should be ring fenced within the EU's budget. Budgetisation of the EDF would allow to be better aligned allocations to the needs, performance and absorption capacity of ACP countries while preserving the multi-annual programming process.

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 27 (PART TWO – TITLE B)**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Mr : Ingvar SVENSSON**

**Status : - Alternate**

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### *Article 27*

1. The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their policies on development cooperation and shall consult each other on their aid programmes, including in international organisations and during international conferences, in order to promote the complementarity and efficiency of their action. They may undertake joint action. Member States shall contribute if necessary to the implementation of Community aid programmes.
2. The Commission ~~may take any useful initiative to~~ **shall** promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1.
3. Within their respective spheres of competence, the Union and the Member States shall cooperate with third countries and the competent international organisations.

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**Explanation (if any) :**

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article:** 26 (Part Two, CFSP)

**By Mr:** Erwin Teufel

**Status:** Member

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### *Text of the Praesidium*

- (2) The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.

The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

### *Proposed Amendment*

- (2) The Union may, **in the field of development cooperation**, conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.

The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

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### **Explanation:**

This is to clarify that the competence to conclude agreements only refers to the area of development cooperation subject to the provisions of Articles 25 to 27.

## FICHE AMENDEMENT

<b>Proposition d'amendement à l'Article:</b>	<b>26 (Partie II, PESC)</b>
<b>Déposée par Monsieur:</b>	<b>Erwin Teufel</b>
<b>Qualité:</b>	<b>Membre</b>

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### *Texte du Praesidium*

- (2) Die Union kann mit Drittländern und den zuständigen internationalen Organisationen alle Abkommen schließen, die dazu beitragen, dass die Ziele des Artikels 1 dieses Titels erreicht werden können. Diese Abkommen werden gemäß Artikel 33 dieses Titels ausgehandelt und geschlossen.

Unterabsatz 1 berührt nicht die Zuständigkeit der Mitgliedstaaten, in internationalen Gremien zu verhandeln und internationale Abkommen zu schließen.

### *Amendement proposé*

- (2) Die Union kann mit Drittländern und den zuständigen internationalen Organisationen **im Bereich der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit** alle Abkommen schließen, die dazu beitragen, dass die Ziele des Artikels 1 dieses Titels erreicht werden können. Diese Abkommen werden gemäß Artikel 33 dieses Titels ausgehandelt und geschlossen.

Unterabsatz 1 berührt nicht die Zuständigkeit der Mitgliedstaaten, in internationalen Gremien zu verhandeln und internationale Abkommen zu schließen.

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### **Begründung:**

Klarstellung, dass sich die Zuständigkeit zum Abschluss von Abkommen nur auf den durch die Artikel 25 bis 27 geregelten Bereich der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit bezieht.



## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 25.1

By Ms Maria BERGER  
Mr Caspar EINEM

Status: Member ☒ Alternate ☒

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#### *Article 25.1*

~~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.~~

**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.**

**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.**

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#### **Explanation (if any):**

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.

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 25.2

By Ms Maria BERGER  
Mr Caspar EINEM

Status: Member ☒ Alternate ☐

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#### *Article 25.2*

The Union and the Member States shall comply with the commitments and ~~take account of~~ **contribute to** the objectives they have approved in the context of the United Nations and other competent international organisations.

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#### **Explanation (if any):**

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.

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

### **Suggestion for amendment of Article 27**

**By Ms Maria BERGER  
Mr Caspar EINEM**

**Status: Member ☒ Alternate ☐**

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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.**

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#### **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)

AMENDMENT FORM

**Title B**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 25**

**By Members: Voggenhuber, Lichtenberger, Wagener, Nagy**

**Status : Members and alternate members.**

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*Article 25*

1. Union policy in the sphere of development Cupertino 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 **and are based on the interests and the needs of the poor in developing countries.**

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

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.

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**Explanation:**

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Title B

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 26**

**By Members: Voggenhuber, Lichtenberger, Wagener,**

**Status :       Members and alternate members.**

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#### *Article 26*

1. The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws and European framework laws necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.

2. The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title. The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

3. The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.

~~4. This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.~~

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**Explanation:**

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 26

**By Mrs Lena Hjelm-Wallén and Mr Sven-Olof Petersson, government representatives and Mr Sören Lekberg, Mr Göran Lennmarker and Mr Kenneth Kvist, national parliament representatives.**

**Status :**     - **Member: Hjelm-Wallén, Lekberg and Lennmarker**  
                  - **Alternate: Petersson and Kvist**

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### Article 26

1. The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws and European framework laws necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes ~~with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.~~<sup>1</sup>
2. The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international **and regional organisations** <sup>2</sup>any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.

The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

3. The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.
4. This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.

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<sup>1</sup> I suggest that the last part of the sentence be deleted since it would otherwise limit the forms of cooperation programmes.

<sup>2</sup> Add "and regional" organisations, unless it is covered by "international".

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 27

**By Mrs Lena Hjelm-Wallén and Mr Sven-Olof Petersson, government representatives and Mr Sören Lekberg and Mr Kenneth Kvist, national parliament representatives.**

**Status :**  
- Member: Hjelm-Wallén and Lekberg  
- Alternate: Petersson and Kvist

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### Article 27

1. The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their policies on development cooperation and shall consult each other on their aid programmes, including in international organisations and during international conferences, in order to promote the complementarity and efficiency of their action. ~~They may undertake joint action. Member States shall contribute if necessary to the implementation of Community aid programmes.<sup>1</sup>~~
2. The Commission may take any useful initiative to promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1.
3. Within their respective spheres of competence, the Union and the Member States shall cooperate with third countries and the competent international organisations.

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<sup>1</sup> Unnecessary and not suitable for inclusion in a constitutional treaty.

## FICHE AMENDEMENT

Proposition d'amendement à l'Article 27 (Partie II – Titre B – Chapitre 3), Traité constitutionnel sur l'action extérieure.

Déposée par ~~Madame ou~~ Monsieur Oğuz DEMIRALP

Qualité : ~~-Membre~~ - Suppléant

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### Article 27

- Insérer dans le paragraphe 3 « Cette coopération est basée sur le principe fondamental d'égalité des partenaires » :

3. Dans le cadre de leurs compétences respectives, l'Union et les États membres coopèrent avec les pays tiers et les organisations internationales compétentes. Cette coopération est basée sur le principe fondamental d'égalité des partenaires.

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Explication éventuelle :



## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 26 of Part II

By Mr : O'Sullivan and Ponzano

Status : Alternates

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Delete paragraph 4 of Article 26.

*« ~~This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.~~ »*

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### Explanation :

*There was widespread support within Working Party VII for incorporating the European Development Fund (EDF) into the Union's budget. In the same vein, there is no need for a structural separation of the relationship with ACP countries.*

## FICHE AMENDEMENT

### Proposition d'amendement à l'article 26 de la partie II

Déposée par M. O'Sullivan et M. Ponzano

Qualité :      Suppléants

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Biffer le paragraphe 4 de l'article 26.

*« ~~Le présent article n'affecte pas la coopération avec les pays d'Afrique, des Caraïbes et du Pacifique dans le cadre de la convention ACP-CE~~ ».*

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### Explication :

*Un large soutien s'est dégagé en faveur de l'intégration du Fonds européen du développement (FED) dans le budget de l'Union au sein du Groupe de travail VII. Il n'y a plus besoin d'isoler structurellement la relation avec les pays ACP.*

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 25 of Part II

By Mr : O'Sullivan and Ponzano

Status : Alternates

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Modify the first paragraph of Article 25 as follows :

*« 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, **with the primary aim of eradicating poverty**. The Union's development cooperation policy and that of the Member States complement and reinforce each other. »*

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### Explanation :

*The purpose of the amendment is to indicate which of the objectives listed in Article 1 is mainly pursued by development policy.*

## FICHE AMENDEMENT

### Proposition d'amendement à l'article 25 de la partie II

Déposée par M. O'Sullivan et M. Ponzano

Qualité :      Suppléants

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Modifier le premier paragraphe de l'article 25 comme suit :

*« La politique de l'Union dans le domaine de la coopération au développement est menée dans le cadre des principes et objectifs de l'action extérieure de l'Union, tels qu'énoncés dans l'article 1 du présent Titre **dans le but essentiel d'éradiquer la pauvreté**. La politique de coopération au développement de l'Union et celles des États membres se complètent et se renforcent mutuellement. »*

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#### Explication :

*L'amendement a pour but d'indiquer celui des objectifs parmi ceux figurant à l'article 1 qui est principalement poursuivi par la politique de développement.*

AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article: 26**

**By the Earl of Stockton MEP**

**Status : - Alternate**

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**Article 26**

- 1. The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws and recommendations necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.**
- 2. The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.**

**The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.**

- 3. The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.**
- 4. This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.**

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**Explanation (if any):**

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Title B - Part II

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 25

**By Members:** Mr Andrew Duff, Mr Lamberto Dini, Mr Paul Helminger, Mr Dimitrij Rupel, Mr Peeter Kreitzberg, Mr Algirdas Gričius, Mr Puiu Hasotti, Mr Jelko Kacin, Mr Zekeriya Akçam and Mr Eugenijus Maldeikis; **and Alternate Members:** Ms Lone Dybkjaer, Mr Willem Van Eekelen, Lord MacLennan of Rogart, Mr Nesrin Uzun, Mr Marios Matsakis, Mrs Androula Vassiliou, Mr Istvan Szent-Ivanyi, Mr Péter Eckstein-Kovacs, Mr Ibrahim Ozal and Mr Gintautas Sivickas.

**Status :** Members and alternate members.

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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.

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**Explanation:**

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

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Title B - Part II

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 26

**By Members:** Mr Andrew Duff, Mr Lamberto Dini, Mr Paul Helminger, Mr Dimitrij Rupel, Mr Peeter Kreitzberg, Mr Algirdas Gričius, Mr Puiu Hasotti, Mr Jelko Kacin, Mr Zekeriya Akçam and Mr Eugenijus Maldeikis; **and Alternate Members:** Ms Lone Dybkjaer, Mr Willem Van Eekelen, Lord MacLennan of Rogart, Mr Nesrin Uzun, Mr Marios Matsakis, Mrs Androula Vassiliou, Mr Istvan Szent-Ivanyi, Mr Péter Eckstein-Kovacs, Mr Ibrahim Ozal and Mr Gintautas Sivickas.

**Status :**        **Members and alternate members.**

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#### *Article 26*

1.    The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws and European framework laws necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.
2.    The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.

The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

3.    The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.
4.    ***Delete***



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**Explanation:**

*A large consensus within the Convention supports the integration of the EDF into the Union budget, therefore making it unnecessary for a separate mention of the ACP-EC Convention.*

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Title B - Part II

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 27

**By Members:** Mr Andrew Duff, Mr Lamberto Dini, Mr Paul Helminger, Mr Dimitrij Rupel, Mr Peeter Kreitzberg, Mr Algirdas Gričius, Mr Puiu Hasotti, Mr Jelko Kacin, Mr Zekeriya Akçam and Mr Eugenijus Maldeikis; **and Alternate Members:** Ms Lone Dybkjaer, Mr Willem Van Eekelen, Mr Nesrin Uzun, Mr Marios Matsakis, Mrs Androula Vassiliou, Mr Istvan Szent-Ivanyi, Mr Péter Eckstein-Kovacs, Mr Ibrahim Ozal and Mr Gintautas Sivickas.

**Status :** Members and alternate members.

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#### *Article 27*

1. The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their policies on development cooperation and *work towards the introduction of harmonised procedures and agreed strategies*. They shall consult each other on their aid programmes, including in international organisations and during international conferences, in order to promote the complementarity and efficiency of their action. They may undertake joint action. Member States shall contribute if necessary to the implementation of Community aid programmes.
  2. The Commission may take any useful initiative to promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1.
  3. Within their respective spheres of competence, the Union and the Member States shall cooperate with the competent international organisations and third countries, *on the basis of equal partnership*.
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#### **Explanation:**

*We have introduced the requirement for greater coherence and consistency in the*

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*framing of development policies between the Union and Member States.*

*We also introduce the concept of partnership between the Union and the third countries.*

## **FICHE AMENDEMENT**

**Proposition d'amendement à l'Article 26, partie II – titre B - de la Constitution:**

### **L'ACTION EXTERIEURE DE L'UNION**

**Déposée par** Mme Linda McAVAN, Mme Anne VAN LANCKER, M. Luis MARINHO, Mme Pervenche BERÈS, Mme Elena PACIOTTI, Mme Helle THORNING-SCHMIDT

**Qualité:** - Membres et Suppléants

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### **CHAPTER 3 : COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND HUMANITARIAN AID** **1. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**

#### **ARTICLE 26**

4. This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC **Partnership Agreement**. **EDF funding should however be ring fenced within the EU's budget.**

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**Explication éventuelle:**

## **FICHE AMENDEMENT**

**Proposition d'amendement à l'Article 27, partie II – titre B - de la Constitution:**

### **L’ACTION EXTERIEURE DE L’UNION**

**Déposée par** Mme Linda McAVAN, Mme Anne VAN LANCKER, M. Olivier DUHAMEL, M. Luis MARINHO, Mme Pervenche BERÈS, Mme Maria BERGER, Mme Elena PACIOTTI, Mme Helle THORNING-SCHMIDT

**Qualité:** - Membres et Suppléants

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### **CHAPTER 3 : COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND HUMANITARIAN AID** **1. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**

#### **ARTICLE 27**

2. The Commission **shall (delete 6 words)** promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1.

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**Explication éventuelle:**

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment to PART TWO, Title B, Art.25

By Mr Hannes FARNLEITNER

Status : - Member

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#### CHAPTER 3: DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND HUMANITARIAN AID

##### I. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

###### *Article 25*

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's development cooperation policy shall be taken into account when implementing other policies which are likely to affect developing countries.**
3. 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.

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#### Explanation (if any) :

##### Ad Title of Chapter 3:

Development cooperation is a strong part of the Union's external action and should be treated in the Constitution on the same level as the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Commercial Policy. It is therefore necessary to see it reflected in the title of the chapter.

##### Ad new par.3:

\_Art.178 TEC should be maintained. However, it could be also included in a general horizontal clause/chapter of (Part Two of) the Constitution

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment to PART TWO, Title B, Art.27

By Mr Hannes FARNLEITNER

Status : - Member

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#### *Article 27*

1. The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their policies on development cooperation and shall consult each other on their aid programmes, including in international organisations and during international conferences, in order to promote the complementarity and efficiency of their action. They may undertake joint action. Member States shall contribute if necessary to the implementation of Community aid programmes.
2. The Commission ~~may~~ **shall** take any useful initiative to promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1.
3. Within their respective spheres of competence, the Union and the Member States shall cooperate with third countries and the competent international organisations.

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Explanation (if any) :

**AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 25, Chapter 3 I**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Mr : John Gormley**

**Status :- Alternate**

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**Article 25.2** Delete 'take account of' and insert **“contribute to”**.



## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 25.1

By Mr Pat Carey

Status : Alternate

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### Article 25.1

Presidium Text	New Proposed Text
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.	<b>Union policy in the sphere of development cooperation shall be based on long term action aiming at eradicating poverty by ensuring sustainable economic, social and environmental development, encouraging the integration of all countries into the world economy, as well as <del>developing and consolidating</del> fostering democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and good governance.</b> 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. <b>OR</b> <del>“The plain objective of the Community development policy must be to reduce and eventually, to eradicate poverty. This objective entails support for sustainable economic, social and environmental development, promotion of the gradual intergration of developing countries in the world economy, and a determination to combat inequality.”</del>

### **Explanatory Note**

The second option is included here as it is based on the agreed language of November 2002 Communication and highlights issue of inequality.

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.

Add sub-article. This chapter shall cover co-operation with all developing countries.

Explanation: 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.

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 25.2

By Mr Pat Carey

Status : Alternate

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### Article 25.2

Presidium Text	New Proposed Text
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 and the Member States shall comply with the commitments and <b>contribute</b> to the objectives they have approved in the context of the United Nations and other competent international organisations.

### Explanatory Note

As a major player in the world, the EU should not only take account of those objectives, but 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 for a must be at the heart of Europe's action in the world.

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 27 (a) new article**

**By Mr Pat Carey**

**Status : Alternate**

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**Article 27 (a) new article**

<b>Presidium Text</b>	<b>New Proposed Text</b>
	<b>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.</b>

### **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)

Add: on article 7 ????? under economic, Financial and Technical co-operation “.....actions with **non developing** third countries **and pre accession countries**, ..”

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 26**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By: Teija Tiilikainen, Antti Peltomäki, Kimmo Kiljunen, Matti Vanhanen, Riitta Korhonen**

**Status : Tiilikainen, Kiljunen, Vanhanen - Members  
Peltomäki, Korhonen - Alternates**

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### *Article 26*

1. The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws and European framework laws necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.
2. The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.

The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

3. The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.
4. ~~This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.~~

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### **Explanation (if any) :**

Explanation 26(4): We support the budgetisation of the EDF. Therefore, paragraph 4 is not needed. As there are still open questions as to how the budgetisation should be carried out we can also agree that the paragraph be put in brackets in order to show that the final decision on the budgetisation

will be done after the necessary studies have been done.

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## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 27**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By: Teija Tiilikainen, Antti Peltomäki, Kimmo Kiljunen, Matti Vanhanen, Riitta Korhonen**

**Status : Tiilikainen, Kiljunen, Vanhanen - Members  
Peltomäki, Korhonen - Alternates**

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### *Article 27*

1. The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their policies on development cooperation and shall consult each other on their aid programmes, including in international organisations and during international conferences, in order to promote the complementarity and efficiency of their action. They may undertake joint action. Member States shall contribute if necessary to the implementation of Community aid programmes. The development cooperation of the Union shall take into account the general coordination of global aid.
  2. The Commission may take any useful initiative to promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1.
  3. Within their respective spheres of competence, the Union and the Member States shall cooperate with third countries and the competent international organisations.
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### **Explanation (if any) :**

Explanation 27(1): In order to increase the efficiency of development cooperation in general, coordination between the whole donor community is needed based on the alignment of the policies and procedures with those of the partners.

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## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 25**

**By Ms / ~~Mr~~ : Dr. Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann**

**Status :    - Member            - ~~Alternate~~**

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### Artikel 25

(1) ~~Den Rahmen für die Politik der Union auf dem Gebiet der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit bilden die in Artikel 1 dieses Titels aufgeführten Grundsätze und Ziele des außenpolitischen Handelns der Union.~~ ***Die Union entwickelt eine Politik auf dem Gebiet der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit. Sie basiert auf dem Grundsatz der gleichberechtigten Partnerschaft.*** Die Politik der Union und die Politik der Mitgliedstaaten auf dem Gebiet der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit ergänzen und verstärken sich gegenseitig.

(2) Die Union und die Mitgliedstaaten kommen den im Rahmen der Vereinten Nationen und anderer zuständiger internationaler Organisationen gegebenen Zusagen nach und ~~berücksichtigen~~ ***fördern*** die in diesem Rahmen gebilligten Zielsetzungen.

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**Explanation (if any) :**

***Absatz 1:***

**Streichung** des Satzes 1. Dies ergibt sich bereits aus der Systematik des Titels "Außenpolitisches Handeln der Union".



## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 26

By Ms / ~~Mr~~ : Dr. Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Status : - Member - ~~Alternate~~

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### Artikel 26

(1) Das Europäische Parlament und der Rat nehmen nach dem Gesetzgebungsverfahren die zur Durchführung der Politik im Bereich der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit erforderlichen Gesetze und Rahmengesetze an; diese können Mehrjahresprogramme über die Zusammenarbeit mit Entwicklungsländern oder thematische Programme betreffen.

(2) Die Union kann mit Drittländern und den zuständigen internationalen Organisationen alle ***zur Durchführung dieser Politik erforderlichen*** Abkommen schließen, ~~die dazu beitragen, dass die Ziele des Artikels 1 dieses Titels erreicht werden können~~. Diese Abkommen werden gemäß Artikel 33 dieses Titels ausgehandelt und geschlossen.

Unterabsatz 1 berührt nicht die Zuständigkeit der Mitgliedstaaten, in internationalen Gremien zu verhandeln und internationale Abkommen zu schließen.

Unterabsatz 1 berührt nicht die Zuständigkeit der Mitgliedstaaten, in internationalen Gremien zu verhandeln und internationale Abkommen zu schließen.

(3) Die Europäische Investitionsbank trägt nach Maßgabe ihrer Satzung zur Durchführung der Maßnahmen im Sinne des Absatzes 1 bei.

~~(4) Dieser Artikel berührt nicht die Zusammenarbeit mit den Ländern Afrikas, des Karibischen Raumes und des Pazifischen Ozeans im Rahmen des AKP-EG Abkommens.~~

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### Explanation (if any) :

#### ***Absatz 4:***

**Streichung.** Die Sonderbestimmung für die Zusammenarbeit mit den AKP-Staaten sollte nicht beibehalten werden. Ich unterstütze insoweit die Schlussfolgerungen der Arbeitsgruppe VII. Der Europäische Entwicklungsfond sollte in den Haushalt der Union einbezogen – und damit nicht länger parlamentarischer Kontrolle entzogen – werden.

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 27**

**By Ms / ~~Mr~~ : Dr. Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann**

**Status :    - Member            - ~~Alternate~~**

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### **Artikel 27**

(1) Die Union und die Mitgliedstaaten koordinieren ihre Politik auf dem Gebiet der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit und stimmen ihre Hilfsprogramme, auch in internationalen Organisationen und auf internationalen Konferenzen, ab, ~~damit ihre Maßnahmen einander besser ergänzen und wirksamer sind~~. Sie können gemeinsame Maßnahmen ergreifen. Die Mitgliedstaaten tragen erforderlichenfalls zur Durchführung der Hilfsprogramme der Union bei.

(2) Die Kommission kann alle Initiativen ergreifen, die der in Absatz 1 genannten Koordinierung förderlich sind.

(3) Die Union und die Mitgliedstaaten arbeiten im Rahmen ihrer jeweiligen Befugnisse mit Drittländern und den zuständigen internationalen Organisationen zusammen.

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### **Explanation (if any) :**

#### ***Absatz 1:***

Die vom Präsidium vorgeschlagene Einschränkung ist nicht notwendig; die Gefahr, dass die Union und die Mitgliedstaaten aus anderen Gründen ihre Politik koordinieren, besteht nicht. Dass sich die Politik der Union und der Mitgliedstaaten gegenseitig ergänzen soll, ergibt sich zudem bereits aus Art. 25 Abs. 1 Satz 2 des Präsidiumsentwurfs.

## FICHE AMENDEMENT

### Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : 25

Déposée par Madame ou Monsieur : **M. Louis Michel, M. Elio di Rupo, Mme Anne Van Lancker, membres de la Convention et M. Pierre Chevalier et Mme Marie Nagy, membres suppléants de la Convention**

Qualité : - Membre - Suppléant

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1. La politique de l'Union dans le domaine de la coopération au développement est menée dans le cadre des principes et objectifs de l'action extérieure de l'Union, tels qu'énoncés dans l'article 1 du présent Titre. La politique de coopération au développement de l'Union et celles des États membres se complètent et se renforcent mutuellement.
  2. L'Union et les États membres respectent les engagements, et ~~tiennent compte~~ **contribuent aux** objectifs ~~qu'ils ont~~ agréés dans le cadre des Nations unies et des autres organisations internationales compétentes.
  3. **La politique de coopération au développement de l'Union se fonde sur le principe d'égalité des partenaires ainsi que sur la participation de tous les secteurs de la société.**
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Explication éventuelle :

## **FICHE AMENDEMENT**

### **Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : 26**

**Déposée par Madame ou Monsieur : M. Louis Michel, M. Elio di Rupo, Mme Anne Van Lancker, membres de la Convention et M. Pierre Chevalier et Mme Marie Nagy, membres suppléants de la Convention**

**Qualité :   - Membre                      - Suppléant**

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**Supprimer le paragraphe 4**

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### **Explication éventuelle :**

*Il y a lieu d'intégrer le FED au sein du budget général de l'Union.*

## FICHE AMENDEMENT

### Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : 26, Partie II, Titre B

Déposée par: M. Ernâni Lopes, Mme. Maria Eduarda Azevedo, M. Manuel Lobo Antunes et M. António Nazaré Pereira

Qualité : - Membres et Suppléants

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1. Le Parlement européen et le Conseil adoptent, conformément à la procédure législative, les lois européennes, les lois-cadres européennes **et d'autres instruments** nécessaires pour la mise en oeuvre de la politique de coopération au développement, qui peuvent porter sur des programmes pluriannuels de coopération des pays en voie de développement ou des programmes avec une approche thématique.
2. (...)
3. (...)
4. Le présent article n'affecte pas la coopération avec les pays d'Afrique, des Caraïbes et du Pacifique dans le cadre de ~~la convention ACP-CE~~ **l'Accord de Partenariat ACP-CE**.

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#### Explication:

La référence aux lois européennes et lois-cadres européennes n'inclue pas toutes les mesures que le Conseil et le Parlement européen peuvent adopter dans ce domaine.  
Le titre de l'accord ACP-CE a été corrigé selon la nouvelle nomenclature.

## FICHE AMENDEMENT

### Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : 27, Partie II, Titre B

Déposée par: M. Ernâni Lopes, Mme. Maria Eduarda Azevedo, M. Manuel Lobo Antunes et M. António Nazaré Pereira

Qualité : - Membres et Suppléants

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1. L'Union et les États membres coordonnent leurs politiques en matière de coopération au développement et se concertent sur leurs programmes d'aide, y compris dans les organisations internationales et lors des conférences internationales, dans l'objectif de ~~favoriser~~ **assurer** la complémentarité et l'efficacité de leurs actions. Ils peuvent entreprendre des actions conjointes. ~~Les états membres contribuent, si nécessaire, à la mise en oeuvre des programmes d'aide de l'Union.~~
2. (...)
3. (...)

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#### Explication:

La suggestion de remplacer le mot favoriser par assurer prétend renforcer l'efficace des actions de l'Union et des États membres.

La dernière phrase nous semble superflue.

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

### **Suggestion for amendment of Article : Chapter 3**

**By Member of the Convention Mr. Jens-Peter Bonde**

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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 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.

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : Chapter 3

By Member of the Convention Mr. Jens-Peter Bonde

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## CHAPTER 3: COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND HUMANITARIAN AID

### I. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

#### *Article 26*

1. The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws and European framework laws necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.
2. The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.

The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

3. The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.
4. This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.



## **AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Chapter 3**

**By Member of the Convention Mr. Jens-Peter Bonde**

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### **CHAPTER 3: COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND HUMANITARIAN AID**

#### **I. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**

##### *Article 27*

1. The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their policies on development cooperation and shall consult each other on their aid programmes, including in international organisations and during international conferences, in order to promote the complementarity and efficiency of their action. They may undertake joint action. Member States shall contribute if necessary to the implementation of Community aid programmes.
2. The Commission may take any useful initiative to promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1.
3. Within their respective spheres of competence, the Union and the Member States shall cooperate with third countries and the competent international organisations.

## FICHE AMENDEMENT

**Proposition d'amendement : Capítulo 3, Artículo 25**

**Déposée par Messieurs : Borrell (miembro), Carnero y López Garrido (suplentes)**

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### Artículo 25

#### *Añadir al punto 1:*

1. La política de la Unión en el ámbito de la cooperación para el desarrollo se llevará a cabo en el marco de los principios y objetivos de la acción exterior de la Unión, enumerados en el artículo 1. La política de cooperación para el desarrollo de la Unión y las de los Estados miembros se completarán y reforzarán entre sí. *La política exterior y de seguridad de la Unión, al igual que el resto de las políticas comunes, deben ser coherentes con la política de cooperación al desarrollo, que persigue objetivos básicos y transversales enunciados en el Artículo 1 del presente Título.*

## FICHE AMENDEMENT

### Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : 25, Partie II, Titre B

Déposée par: M. Ernâni Lopes, Mme. Maria Eduarda Azevedo, M. Manuel Lobo Antunes et M. António Nazaré Pereira

#### Qualité : - Membres et Suppléants

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1. La politique de l'Union dans le domaine de la coopération au développement est menée dans le cadre des principes et objectifs de l'action extérieure de l'Union, tels qu'énoncés dans l'article 1 du présent Titre, **et en particulier : La politique de coopération au développement de l'Union et celles des États membres se complètent et se renforcent mutuellement.**
  - **Soutenir le développement économique et social durable des pays *en voie de développement*, en particulier dans les pays à faible revenu, dans le but essentiel d'éradiquer la pauvreté ;**
  - **Encourager l'intégration progressive et suivie de tous les pays dans l'économie mondiale, en particulier les pays *en voie de développement* y compris par la suppression progressive des obstacles aux échanges internationaux ;**
  - **Consolider et soutenir la démocratie, l'État de droit, les droits de l'homme et les principes du droit international.**

*La politique de coopération au développement de l'Union et celles des États membres se complètent et se renforcent mutuellement.*
2. (...)
3. **L'Union tient compte des objectifs visés à l'article 1 du présent titre dans les politiques qu'elle met en œuvre et qui sont susceptibles d'affecter les pays en voie de développement.**

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#### Explication:

**n.1 : Il nous semble que, indépendamment des principes et objectifs établis à l'article 1 du présent chapitre (L'action Extérieure de l'Union), les objectifs spécifiques de la Coopération au Développement devraient être repris ici, en termes semblables, par exemple, aux articles 23 (La Politique Commerciale Commune) et 30 (L'Aide Humanitaire).**

**n. 3 : L'inclusion de ce nouveau numéro dans cet article reprend le texte de l'article 178 TCE, dirigé spécifiquement aux pays *en voie de développement*.**

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 26

By : **TIMOTHY KIRKHOPE MEP**

Status : **MEMBER**

<b>PRAESIDIUM</b>	<b>TIMOTHY KIRKHOPE MEP</b>
<p><b>Article 26</b></p> <p>1. The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws and European framework laws necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.</p> <p>2. The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.</p> <p>The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.</p> <p>3. The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.</p> <p>4. This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.</p>	<p><b>Article 26</b></p> <p>1. The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.</p> <p>2. The <i>Community</i> may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.</p> <p>The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.</p> <p>3. The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.</p> <p>4. This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.</p>

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article 27

By : TIMOTHY KIRKHOPE MEP

Status : MEMBER

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PRAESIDIUM	TIMOTHY KIRKHOPE MEP
<p><b>Article 27</b></p> <p>1. The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their policies on development cooperation and shall consult each other on their aid programmes, including in international organisations and during international conferences, in order to promote the complementarity and efficiency of their action. They may undertake joint action. Member States shall contribute if necessary to the implementation of Community aid programmes.</p> <p>2. The Commission may take any useful initiative to promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1.</p> <p>3. Within their respective spheres of competence, the Union and the Member States shall cooperate with third countries and the competent international organisations.</p>	<p><b>Article 27</b></p> <p>1. The <i>Community</i> and the Member States shall coordinate their policies on development cooperation and shall consult each other on their aid programmes, including in international organisations and during international conferences, in order to promote the complementarity and efficiency of their action. They may undertake joint action. Member States shall contribute if necessary to the implementation of Community aid programmes.</p> <p>2. The Commission may take any useful initiative to promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1.</p> <p>3. Within their respective spheres of competence, the <u>Community</u> and the Member States shall cooperate with third countries and the competent international organisations.</p>

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 26, part II**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Ms / Mr :                G.M. de Vries  
                                     T.J.A.M. de Bruijn**

**Status :    Members**

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1.    The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws and European framework laws necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.
2.    The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.

The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

3.    The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.
4.    ~~This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.~~

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**Explanation (if any) :    Paragraph 4 seems to exclude the possibility that the EDF can be incorporated in the EU-budget and needs therefore to be deleted.**









## AMENDMENT FORM

### Title B - Part II

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 27 a - new subparagraph**

**By Ms. Dybkjær**

**Status :    - Member            X Alternate**

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**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.**

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

**AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 25 (PART TWO) – (TITLE B) –(CHAPTER 3)**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Mr :Emilio GABAGLIO**

**Status : Observer**

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**PART TWO (TITLE B) CHAPTER 3**  
**Amendment : Article 25**

**Add in para 1, a new phrase :**

**The Union policy shall be based on the principle of partnership and promote  
the participation of civil society organisations.**

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**Explanation (if any) :**

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

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

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Mr : Dick Roche**

**Status : - Member**

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Delete article and replace with:

**The main objective of the Union's development policy is the reduction of poverty. Union policy in this area shall contribute to the general objective of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law, and to the objective of respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms.**

**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 shall take account of the objectives referred to in this Article**  
**in the policies that it implements which are likely to affect developing countries.**

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**Explanation (if any) :** The proposed amendment reinstates the provisions of Article 177.2 TEC and Article 178 TEC, which are central to the Union's development cooperation policy.

## 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

By Ms / Mr : Renée Wagener

Status : - Alternate

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~~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.

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**Explanation (if any) :**

## **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**

**By Ms / Mr : Renée Wagener**

**Status : - Alternate**

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#### **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.

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##### 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)

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**Explanation (if any) :**

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 25 (1)**

**By Mr. Frans Timmermans**

**Status : Member of the European Convention**

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**In addition, of the preliminary, I introduce the following amendment:**

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.

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.

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### **Explanation:**

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.



## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : 25(2)**

**By Mr. Frans Timmermans**

**Status : Member of the European Convention**

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**In addition, of the preliminary, I introduce the following amendment:**

The Union and the Member States shall comply with the commitments and ~~take account~~  
~~of~~contribute to the  
objectives they have approved in the context of the United Nations and other competent  
international organisations.

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**Explanation:**

As a major player in the world, the EU should not only take account of those objectives, but  
also contribute to them.

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for a new Article : 25(3)**

**By Mr. Frans Timmermans**

**Status : Member of the European Convention**

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**In addition, of the preliminary, I introduce the following amendment:**

This chapter shall cover co-operation with all developing countries.

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### **Explanation:**

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.

**FICHE AMENDEMENT**

**Proposition d'amendement article 25 (parti II titre B)**

**Déposée par Anne Van Lancker**

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after article 25 : a new article 25 (bis)

***In the implementation of their development cooperation policies vis-à-vis specific countries or regions the Union and the Member States shall work towards the introduction of harmonised procedures and agreed strategies, as essential tools to improve complementarity and coordination.***

**Justification:**

One major problem today in improving consistency and coherence is related to the fact that development cooperation strategies, methodologies and procedures are not sufficiently coordinated.

## AMENDMENT FORM

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

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Ms / Mr :** **Hain**

**Status :**         **- Member**                         **- Alternate**

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~~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.

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### **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.

## FICHE AMENDEMENT

### Proposition d'amendement à l'article 25. (titre) (parti II titre B)

Déposée par Anne Van Lancker

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#### article 25

1. Union policy in the sphere of development cooperation shall be conducted within the framework of the priorities and objectives of the Union's external actions as set out in Article 1 of this title; *it is based on long-term actions aimed at eradicating structural poverty, promoting sustainable economic, social and environmental development, encouraging the integration of all countries in the world economy, and developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and thus reducing the causes of conflict.* The Union's development co-operation policy and those of the Member States complement and reinforce each other.
2. L'Union et les États membres respectent les engagements, et ~~tiennent compte des~~ **contribuent** aux objectifs qu'ils ont agréés dans le cadre des Nations unies et des autres organisations internationales compétentes.

#### Justification:

Development policy is a long term, poverty-focused policy in its own right, and not a political tool subordinated to an external policy agenda.

**AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article :**     **Part II, Title B, Article 26**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Ms / Mr :** **Hain**

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**Explanation (if any) :**

The commentary asks for the Convention to state its views on EDF budgetisation. EDF budgetisation is not related to this Article. This Article should therefore be retained in the Treaty. The UK would consider a debate about the merits of budgetisation with all concerned parties and a decision to be taken in due course. The UK would welcome budgetisation only if accompanied by improvements to the effectiveness and poverty focus of EU development programmes in general and as long as the volume of aid to ACP countries would not be reduced.

**FICHE AMENDEMENT**

**Proposition d'amendement à l'article 27 (parti II titre B)**

**Déposée par Anne Van Lancker**

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ajouter un nouvel article 27 bis

*La politique en matière de coopération au développement de l'Union se fonde sur les principes du partenariat, exercé dans le respect des principes fondamentaux d'égalité entre partenaires, l'appropriation des stratégies de développement des pays et des populations concernées ainsi que la participation, dans le but d'encourager l'intégration de tous les secteurs de la société, inclus les organisations de la société civile.*



## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :    **Part II, Title B, Article 27**

Suggestion for protocol :

By Ms / Mr : **Hain**

Status :        - Member                      - ~~Alternate~~

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27.1: Within the overall framework of the development policy objectives spelled out in article 25.1, the Union and the Member States shall....."

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**Explanation (if any) :**

27.1: It is important to ensure that both the Union and the Member States work towards the same broad policy objectives.

## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 26

Suggestion for PART TWO – CHAPTER 3: COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES  
AND HUMANITARIAN AID, I. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

By : Mr. John Cushnahan

Status :    - Member            - Alternate

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### CHAPTER 3: COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND HUMANITARIAN AID

#### I. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

##### Article 26

1. The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the legislative procedure, adopt the European laws and European framework laws necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy, which may relate to multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries or programmes with a thematic approach.
2. The Union may conclude with third countries and competent international organisations any agreement helping to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 1 of this Title. Such agreements shall be negotiated and concluded in accordance with Article 33 of this Title.

The first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to Member States' competence to negotiate in international bodies and to conclude international agreements.

3. The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.
4. This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention. **However, the European Development Fund (EDF) will be integrated into the Union's budget and subject to the same rules of procedure than those applicable to any other area of Community financial assistance.**

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**Explanation (if any):** Even if recognising the particularity of the existing cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention, there is no reason anymore to continue giving a differentiated financial treatment to the Union's cooperation policy towards this area. This is a demand that corresponds to the broad support expressed within Working Party VII on this issue.

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 26**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Ms / Mr : David Heathcoat-Amory**

**Status : X - Member            - Alternate**

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### ***Article 26***

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  3. The European Investment Bank shall contribute, under the terms laid down in its Statute, to the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.
  4. This Article shall not affect cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention, **nor regional associations including the Commonwealth and la Francophonie.**
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**Explanation (if any) : These amendments ensure that development assistance does not drive foreign policy through QMV by the back door.**

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 27**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Ms / Mr : David Heathcoat-Amory**

**Status : X - Member            - Alternate**

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### ***Article 27***

1. The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their policies on development cooperation and shall consult each other on their aid programmes, including in international organisations and during international conferences, in order to promote the complementarity and efficiency of their action. They may undertake joint action. Member States *[shall]* **may** contribute if necessary to the implementation of Community aid programmes.
  2. The Commission may take any useful initiative to promote the coordination referred to in paragraph 1.
  3. Within their respective spheres of competence, the Union and the Member States shall cooperate with third countries and the competent international organisations.
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**Explanation (if any) : The amendment removes the obligation on Member States to tie their aid activities to a possible EU lead**

## **AMENDMENT FORM**

**Suggestion for : Part III**

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-213**

**By Mr : Emilio GABAGLIO**

**Status : Observer**

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**Amendment : Art. III-213 para. 1**

**Add a new subparagraph 3:**

“The Union policy shall be based on the principle of partnership and the promotion of civil society organisations”

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**Explanation (if any) :**

The principle of partnership is a main element of the Union’s external policy.

The democratic life of the Union should not end at its borders. Civil society organisations including trade unions should be promoted within the framework of development cooperation

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Part III, Title V, Article 214 (ex Art. 26)**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Ms / Mr : Hain**

**Status :        - Member                      - ~~Alternate~~**

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1. *Okay*
2. *Okay*
3. *Okay*

3bis: This Article shall not affect cooperation with the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries in the framework of the ACP-EC Convention.

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### **Explanation (if any) :**

*3bis. The Maastricht article referring to ACP countries has been removed and should be re-inserted as an additional para 4. From a legal point of view, removal of this para does not lead to budgetisation of the EDF but it has been associated with a positive political signal in that direction.*

*We do not think this is an appropriate stage to decide on possible budgetisation, before it has been further analysed and discussed with all concerned parties.*

*We need to ensure that the effectiveness and poverty focus of all EC spending is increased and funds are not diverted from the low-income countries in the ACP, before the EDF is budgetised.*

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-214**

**By Mr Joschka Fischer**

**Status : - Member**

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### Artikel III-214 (ex-Artikel 26)\*

- (1) Die zur Durchführung der Politik im Bereich der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit erforderlichen Maßnahmen werden durch Europäische Gesetze oder Rahmengesetze festgelegt; diese können Mehrjahresprogramme über die Zusammenarbeit mit Entwicklungsländern oder thematische Programme betreffen.
- (2) Die Union kann mit Drittländern und den zuständigen internationalen Organisationen alle Abkommen schließen, die zur Verwirklichung der Ziele des [Artikels 1] dieses Titels beitragen. Diese Abkommen werden gemäß [Artikel 33] dieses Titels ausgehandelt und geschlossen.
- Unterabsatz 1 berührt nicht die Zuständigkeit der Mitgliedstaaten, in internationalen Gremien zu verhandeln und internationale Abkommen zu schließen.
- (3) Die Europäische Investitionsbank trägt nach Maßgabe ihrer Satzung zur Durchführung der Maßnahmen im Sinne des Absatzes 1 bei.
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### **Explanation (if any) :**

**\* Anmerkung zur vorgeschlagenen Streichung von Absatz 4: Der Konvent hat eine mögliche Integration des Europäischen Entwicklungsfonds in den Haushalt der Gemeinschaft an eindeutige Bedingungen geknüpft. So ist im Abschlussbericht der Arbeitsgruppe 7 festgehalten worden, dass eine solche Einbeziehung unter anderem mit einer größeren Wirksamkeit und besseren Ausrichtung der EG-Entwicklungsprogramme auf die Armutsbekämpfung allgemein einhergehen müsse. Diesem Gesichtspunkt muss Rechnung getragen werden.**

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-213, new paragraph 3**

**Part III of the Constitutional Treaty**

**By Ms. Dybkjær**

**Status :    - Member            X Alternate**

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**Article III-213, new paragraph 3:**

*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.*

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**Explanation (if any) :**

An 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). The recognition of the role of Civil Society as a partner of the development co-operation policy is one of the main points of CE's external assistance reform (political declaration of the Council and the Commission in November 2000 on development policy). This integration of Civil Society is also recognised as one of the key issues to improve efficiency of development aid (Recommendations of the Development Aid Committee (DAC) of the OECD) and to fight poverty (Recommendation adopted by the 15 Member States, and the Commission in 2001).



## AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : **Article III-213, paragraph 3, new sub-article**

**By Ms / Mr : Ms Helle THORNING-SCHMIDT**

**Status : Alternate**

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### **Article III-213, paragraph 3, new sub-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.*

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### **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 Communication on Non-State-Actors. (COM(2002)598). The recognition of the role of Civil Society as a partner of the development co-operation policy is one of the main points of CE's external assistance reform (political declaration of the Council and the Commission in November 2000 on development policy). This integration of Civil Society is also recognised as one of the key issues to improve efficiency of development aid (Recommendations of the Development Aid Committee (DAC) of the OECD) and to fight poverty (Recommendation adopted by the 15 Member States, and the Commission in 2001)

## **FICHE AMENDEMENT**

### **Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : III-213**

**Déposée par Josep Borrell, Carlos Carnero, Diego Lopez-Garrido**

**Qualité :**

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#### **Artículo 213.-**

Nuevo apartado (apartado 3)

3 “The Union’s development cooperation 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”.

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**Explication éventuelle:**

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-213, paragraph 1

#### Part III of the Constitutional Treaty

By Ms. Dybkjær

Status :    - Member            **X Alternate**

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<i>Article III-213, paragraph 1</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
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.	1. Union policy in the sphere of development cooperation shall be conducted <b><i>with all development countries as agreed by the OECD,</i></b> 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.

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#### **Explanation (if any) :**

As the chapter on economic, financial and technical co-operation states that it does not include the co-operation with developing countries, it is important to insure clarity in the coverage of the different parts of chapter 3 to specify that development co-operation will be targeting all developing countries. The OECD (DAC list of developing countries) give a clear definition of developing countries. To include such a reference in article III-213 would considerably improve its clarity as developing country, centre of this article, are not defined at all presently.

**FICHE AMENDEMENT**

**Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : III-213.1**

**Déposée par Josep Borrell, Carlos Carnero, Diego Lopez-Garrido**

**Qualité :**

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**Artículo 213 (apartado 1**

Cambiar la redacción de la primera frase de este apartado 1 para incorporar la referencia : “La política de la Unión en el ámbito de la cooperación para el desarrollo se llevará a cabo, *con los países identificadas por la OCDE como países en vías de desarrollo*, en el marco...”.

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**Explication éventuelle:**

## **FICHE AMENDEMENT**

**Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : III- 213 (ex article 25)**

**Déposée par Madame ou Monsieur : M. Louis Michel, M. Elio di Rupo, Mme Anne Van Lancker, membres de la Convention et M. Pierre Chevalier et Mme Marie Nagy, membres suppléants de la Convention**

**Qualité :   - Membre                      - Suppléant**

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Ajouter un paragraphe 4 se lisant comme suit

**4.    La politique de coopération au développement de l'Union se fonde sur le principe de partenariat, d'appropriation des stratégies de développement par les pays et les populations concernés et de participation de la société civile**

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**Explication éventuelle :**

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Part III, Title V, Article 213 (ex Art. 25)**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Ms / Mr : Hain**

**Status :            - Member                            - Alternate**

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1. 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). 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. Union development cooperation policy shall have as its primary objective the reduction and, in the long term, the eradication of poverty. The Union shall take account of the objectives of development cooperation in the policies that it implements which are likely to affect developing countries.

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**Explanation (if any) :**

*Our suggested addition clarifies the geographical coverage of the development policy. To avoid confusion about the application of the Treaty's various policies relating to third countries, it is crucial that this chapter clearly states that this covers all developing countries. Our suggested amendment in brackets is desirable in order to provide a more explicit statement of the overall objective of the development policy.*

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Part III - Title V Chapter IV: Development Cooperation

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article : III-213

By Members: Mr Andrew Duff

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#### Article III-213 (ex Article 25)

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.

Union development cooperation policy shall have as its primary objective the reduction and, in the long term, the eradication of poverty. The Union shall take account of the objectives of development cooperation in the policies that it implements which are likely to affect developing countries.

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.

***3. The Union's Development Cooperation 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.***

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#### Explanation:

*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 EU development cooperation as set out in the Communication on Non-State Actors. (COM (2002)598). The recognition of the role of civil society as a partner in development cooperation policy is one of the main points of EU's external assistance (Political declaration of the Council and the Commission in November 2000 on development policy). The integration of civil society is also recognised as one of the key issues to improve efficiency of development aid (Recommendation of the Development Aid Committee of the OECD) and to fight poverty (Recommendation as adopted by the 15 Member States and the Commission in 2001).*